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## Glorious Resurrection celebrated today

### Fog, gales force ship to return

Fog and strong North East gales forced the British coaster Sing Hing to return to port on Friday with her cargo and passengers when she was only three miles off Amoy.

She is due to leave again for the Communist port on Tuesday. Meanwhile, some 150 Chinese passengers are remaining on board the vessel, berthed alongside the Ta Hing Wharf, Connaught Road.

The Sing Hing cleared port for the Communist port on April 1. She encountered fog on reaching Communist waters and had to wait for the weather to clear for a few days.

The weather improved but strong gales developed which prevented the vessel from proceeding any further. It was regarded as too dangerous to attempt to reach Amoy, and the Sing Hing turned round for Hong Kong.

One of the crew disclosed that on the way he noticed naval craft, which he presumed to be of the Nationalist Navy, prowling along the coast. They did not interfere with the British freighter.

The Sing Hing has been painted in buff on her superstructure. An informant asserted that it helps as a sort of camouflage, as the vessel is a naval craft, to locate ships running the blockade. The colour does not cause any reflection in the glare of the searchlight beam, he added.

### LAUNCH SINKS AFTER FIRE

A motor launch sank half an hour after a fire gutted its engine room as it rode at anchor at the Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter on Friday.

No casualties were reported. According to reports, the outbreak occurred early at dawn when the crew were starting the engine preparatory to crossing the harbour. An explosion occurred immediately, it was reported, and the kerosene caught fire, which spread.

The fire was so intense that the personnel had to jump out and swim ashore.

The launch foundered and sank.

### POLICE RAID MAHJONG SCHOOLS

A large party of Police from the Eastern Police Station made a lightning raid on the various mahjong schools in Spring Garden Lane soon after 10 p.m. yesterday.

Several persons were placed under temporary arrest and taken back to the Police Station for questioning.

The world celebrates today the Glorious Resurrection.

Leading the festivities in Hong Kong are the churches of all denominations. Church organisations, on Friday and Saturday, presented choral and stage productions, singing the praises of the Holy Passion.

The Catholic Churches throughout the Colony had a full programme of solemn service during Holy Week. Exquisite decorations feature the assembly of the churches giving an added mood to the solemn rituals attending the various services.

Good Friday brought an end to the week of penance and fast. The day commemorating the death of Christ was again solemnly respected with a busy full day church service. The Way of the Cross and attendance at

the service of the Last Seven Words in Catholic Churches on Good Friday filled the churches to capacity. St. Theresa's Church climaxed that day with a unique nocturnal procession, carrying the statue of the "Dead Christ."

There was little to be done in the way of holidays over the week-end. Apart from the fact that much time was spent in the churches, during Friday and Saturday, the weather was unkindly during the Passion Week—a persistent grey sky the day long, with intermittent drizzle.

### Cinemas packed

The many non-Christians will have a holiday to make fun from the opportunity for it. The cinemas, of course, were packed but not any more so than on usual week-ends. The audience built up a holiday by the day planned day ahead with the idea spurred by the recent warm gust. Many also were seen with cameras, and film accessories had a busy day, despite the bad conditions for taking pictures.

Shopping came into its own. Window shopping presented an interesting free pastime. High decorations of chocolate, farm bunnies, and eggs delighted the tots who, not particularly appreciating the art of window decor, nevertheless found the chocolate and candy props at least enticing.

### Holiday sports

Holiday sports have a full programme beginning from today. Main outdoor interest yesterday was the Races. Although the weather was unkind, the Derby prize was sufficient to bring a large number to the Valley in the hope of collecting the prize. Idle chatter throughout Friday, in fact, had been almost unanimously centred on "What-I'm-going-to-do IF I win."

There is little promise that the sky will break and let the sun through today. But there is still tomorrow for that planned holiday outdoor, for the weather in Hong Kong is capable of pleasant surprises.

### TURKEY WANTS TO BE IN ALLIANCE

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The military expenditures this year, he said, would amount to 43 per cent of the budget. He said there has been no change in our relations with the Soviet Union since 1946. Good will and desire for understanding of good neighbourly relations from one side alone are not enough, that is the reason that the Turkish people who place their independence and freedom above everything else, have made so many sacrifices to maintain a large army.

He added, "That is also the reason, I say again, why the share of Marshall plan funds allocated to Turkey during the last two years have not been enough to bring about economic recovery."

Mr. Sadak said that American military aid has been of inestimable help to Turkey. He said, "We have assurances that it will be continued so that the Turkish Army, the only guarantee of independence—may be completely modernised."

The Turkish Foreign Minister said he was satisfied by the work accomplished at the meeting of the Council of Europe Foreign Ministers and the Council of Ministers of the OEEC.

He said the treaty of friendship between Turkey and Italy, which he signed recently in Rome, expressed the desire of the two nations to work together peacefully for the welfare of their two peoples. He said he planned tentatively to return to Ankara next Monday.—United Press.

### Utility tug returns to Hong Kong

An 80-foot harbour utility tug, Talkoo Cheong, which was commandeered and taken to Japan by the Japanese occupation authorities during the war, returned to Hong Kong yesterday.

The tug, which was recently reconditioned in Japan, was towed more than 1,200 miles behind the British fleet at sea.

The tug will join the Talkoo Dockyard's fleet of utility craft now operating in local waters.

Though the ship was under tow for about five days, the operation was completed smoothly, and with no damage to the tug. The tug was towed at Japan to take the Talkoo Cheong in tow after a trip to Incheon, where a cargo of industrial chemicals, paper and medical supplies were delivered.

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## Wedding at St. Andrew's



### Kai Tak air movements

Only 400 aircraft arrived at and left Kai Tak airfield in February as compared with the monthly average of 2,119 during last year.

Passengers who entered and left the Colony by air in the month under review totalled 6,538 as compared with the 1949 monthly average of 20,000.

Flights arrived into and out of Hong Kong totalled only 95,811 kilograms as compared with a monthly average of 810,488 in 1949.

Miss Eppie Lee became the bride of Mr. David Lee in an Easter Wedding in St. Andrew's Church yesterday. The Reverend John H. Ogilvie officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. D. Y. Lee, well-known cinema theatre chain owner in Shanghai. Miss Lee was a graduate of St. Mary's Hall, St. John's University of Shanghai.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Tin, also of Shanghai. He was formerly an airline pilot of CATC.

More than 200 guests of the couple gathered at the wedding reception in the Peninsula Hotel. Mr. George Chu, chairman, proposed the toast at the reception. Mrs. Eileen Sun was the matron-of-honour at the wedding.

## Nightsoil crisis in Chinese cities

The Chinese Communists in Canton, and probably many other places, have resorted to an old, old traffic in China to get much-needed cash—the collection and sale of nightsoil (according to the Associated Press).

Nightsoil, or human excreta, still is used by Chinese farmers on a large scale as fertiliser. It is the cheapest kind available. The Nationalists made a half-hearted effort to convert farmers to the use of less dangerous fertilisers but without much effect.

Only a small number of homes in Canton cities have modern plumbing. A preponderance of nightsoil buckets over flush-toilets prevails in Shanghai and Nanking and is even greater in the older city of Canton.

In Canton, under the Nationalists, nightsoil had been disposed of by firms which collected it in the city, carted it into the countryside, sold it, and then sold it to the farmers. These firms operated under a monopoly whereby they paid a nominal sum to the city authorities.

After the Reds took over Canton, however, they raised the "royalty" for monopolies to a prohibitive minimum. Three times firms were asked to submit bids for the monopoly but none did.

Unwilling to lower the minimum, the Red city authorities named the monopoly to the Canton "Police" Co-operative, which means they took on the job themselves.

Unsatisfactory. According to Chinese reports from the South China metropolis, results in the past six months have been far from satisfactory due to the policemen's unfamiliarity with the work.

The "co-operative" carried out its work during the daytime, the first mistake. This brought vigorous protests from Canton's citizens and many petitions were sent to the city authorities for a return to the night schedule.

These petitions were complied with but the collectors, working at night, were not able to make the complete rounds. This produced complications. Farmers began coming into these suburbs and buying the uncollected nightsoil. The reports did not say so but it appears the price was lower.

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Among those who left for Tokyo by BOAC yesterday were Messrs. E. N. Harcourt, A. E. Schalk, A. E. Hughes, E. J. Wagner, and R. Hornstead.

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Tenders will be received up to noon on Friday, April 14th, 1950, and should be marked clearly on the envelope "TENDER WING HING".

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Hong Kong, April 6, 1950.

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S. A. SLEAP, Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 1, 1950.

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## Moscow's view of flying saucers

London, April 8.

The Moscow Radio said today American stories of flying saucers in the air and mysterious submarines in the water are just being cooked up to boost the munitions business.

A commentator, identified as Skryobin, made his broadcast in English. He said a submarine reported last week off the California coast was a pure invention, and added:

"It was discovered not by the coastal patrol but from an observation tower in the Pentagon, U.S. defence headquarters."

The commentator said this became clear when Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, U.S. Chief of Naval Operations, told a news conference the arms programme should be enlarged for a fight on submarines. (Sherman, who has been touring U.S. military establishments

in Europe, told newsmen in Frankfurt, Germany, on March 27 that the American Navy has made much progress in developing anti-submarine warfare measures since World War II, but still needs to make further progress. The Russians have been credited with developing a large fleet of the most modern type submarines, including those equipped with Snorkel for extended underwater cruising.)

## Appetites grow

The appetites of American arms manufacturers are growing not by the day but by the hour," the broadcast said. "Two circumstances coincide in time with amazing punctuality."

"First is that Congress is debating a bill concerned with appropriations for military purposes."

"Second is that the reactionary press again is screaming about the appearance of mysterious flying saucers in the air and of no less mysterious submarines in American waters."

"So we see an old moth-eaten trick is again being dragged out of the junk closet. Two years ago when Congress was discussing appropriations for enlarging the Navy, the Navy Department made a hullabaloo about submarines of unknown nationality allegedly appearing in American waters. Again in the imagination of the warmongers is given unbridled rein while the question of appropriation for military orders is on the agenda."

"But no one believes any longer in the poor trick with mysterious saucers flitting in the air, and so a new legend was hastily cooked up to replace it—a submarine legend."

"This attempt to deceive the American people was so crude that it is arousing opposition even in Congress. This can well be understood. In a few months from now elections to Congress will be held, and some people are beginning to realise that one cannot ride into Congress astride mythical submarines."—Associated Press.

## EXILE'S WARNING TO SHAH

Teheran, April 7.

Iran's young Shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, is faced with a challenge from the former Premier, Ahmed Gavam, at present in self-imposed exile in Paris.

Gavam, who holds the distinction of being the only Premier of the USSR to maintain his country's sovereignty despite Red Army occupation, has written an open letter to the Shah demanding that the monarch forego his intention expressed before a joint assembly of both Houses nine weeks ago, to have the Iran Constitution modified so that the Shah would have veto power over all legislation.

Gavam's open letter, which reached Iran newspaper offices today, warned against treating the Constitution as a "toy". He recalled that neither the present Shah's father, Reza Shah, nor the self-confessed enemy of Iran's Constitution, Mohammad Ali Shah, dared request the amendment proposed by the present monarch.

The letter said in part: "Your Majesty's decision is dangerous and contrary to the higher interests of Iran. Its implementation will bring about difficulties and dangerous results not only for the nation but for Your Majesty. I consider it my duty to express to Your Majesty that if the suggested action is taken, it will not be very long before Your Majesty will see that such a temporary and fleeting action will arouse the anger of the nation and will stimulate strong public resistance."

"At that time neither force nor bayonets, persecution nor imprisonment of defenders of the nation's rights will cure the chaos which will ensue."—Associated Press.

## Poll tax suggested by "St. John's Review"

There are contingencies of an unknown amount which will arise from the reinforcement of the garrison, but it would be surely more equitable if these were met by a special tax for the purpose, said "St. John's Review" in its latest issue.

The writer suggests a poll tax of HK\$10 a head for all more than 18 years old. The article said:

"The strong criticisms of the Financial Secretary's budget proposals for 1950/51 which have appeared in the Press should serve as a reminder to Government that where there is taxation there should also be representation. So long as there is no direct representation, due note should be taken of such other forms of criticism—including letters to the newspapers—as are available to the subject."

"The outstanding feature of this year's proposals is the increase in direct taxation, amounting to 50 per cent in the case of Corporation Profits Tax, to cover an estimated deficiency of \$7,000,000 for the year. In view of the conservative estimates of the revenue figures, this seems a severe increase at a time when living costs still appear to be rising."

"It must be admitted that there are contingencies of an unknown amount which will arise from the reinforcement of the garrison, but it would be surely more equitable if these were met by a special tax for the purpose, or at least, by a tax which is borne by as many as possible of those who enjoy the security of Hong Kong."

To provide for these contingencies by an increase in the standard rate of tax is to place

## Births, deaths in February

For every one non-Chinese born in Hong Kong during February 1950 were Chinese, according to official statistics. Total births in the month under review was 4,422—4,378 Chinese and 44 non-Chinese.

As in the case of births, Chinese deaths in the same month outnumbered non-Chinese deaths by more than 70 to one. Total deaths were 1,301—1,373 Chinese and 18 non-Chinese.

## Arab League approves UN plan

Cairo, April 8.

The Arab League's Political Committee today approved the United Nations Trusteeship plan to internationalise Jerusalem with certain reservations.

The League's conditions were as follows:

(1) A balance of population in the city—in other words, a return to pre-1947 conditions.

(2) That Arab refugees be safeguarded.

(3) Arab inhabitants should have access to Israeli ports and other public services.

The Jordan delegate, Zuhairi Toukan Bey, did not take part in the discussion as, Jordan opposed the principle of internationalising Jerusalem.

The Political Committee also discussed a proposal by the United Nations Conciliation Committee to set up joint committees of Arabs and Jews to try to reach a final settlement of the Palestine question under its supervision.

M. Claude de Bousanger, Chairman of the Conciliation Committee and Mr. Charles Azarouk, the Commission's Principal Secretary, are now touring Middle East capitals to seek arrangements to achieve the Commission's aim.

Arab circles in Cairo believed that the Arab states would accept this proposal if Arab refugees were allowed to return to Palestine in accordance with the United Nations resolution, if indemnities were paid to those not wishing to return, and if Israel were prepared to respect the partition resolution.—Reuter.

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## JANUARY

(December 21—January 19)  
A chance for the better in financial situation due first half of week. Little to worry about from the business angle, but keep a close watch on documents, new contracts, employees. Some danger of being let down by hitherto trusted associate.

## FEBRUARY

(January 20—February 18)  
New schemes may be held up for lack of cash in next few days. But it would be worthwhile going ahead with arrangements and trusting to luck that something will turn up before the end of the month. Towards the week-end, news of great importance from abroad.

## MARCH

(February 19—March 20)  
Venus and Jupiter enter your Sun-Sign this week; a portent of easier times and increased popularity. Meanwhile, be a little careful what associations you form and what commitments you make over the next eight or nine months. Aim at building up both business and personal goodwill.

## APRIL

(March 21—April 20)  
Though you may feel that good things are in the offing, it would be difficult to take advantage of them just now. Economy and caution would be worthwhile in all business matters and more discretion than usual in personal link-ups. Attend to important details and messages yourself.

## MAY

(April 21—May 20)  
All's well financially. Speculative luck or windfalls due on Wednesday or Thursday. But worry materialises over an old

## WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

friend or dependant member of the family. A good week for entertaining and for social life generally.

## JUNE

(May 21st—June 20th)  
Your prestige stands high in next few days and there are prospects of more money and greater comfort. But underlying worry may persist about a relative or some promise made months ago. Don't take on fresh responsibilities particularly if they involve property.

## JULY

(June 21—July 20)  
Travel plans and overseas news take the stage this week. A tempting offer to go abroad may be opposed by those at home. Rush of work likely end of week, but you cope successfully.

## AUGUST

(July 21—August 21)  
Money comes in steadily throughout the week, but you find long-standing commitments a drain. Family and property overheads are likely to be heavy this week. Easy to get good publicity, make desired changes in routine about Tuesday.

## SEPTEMBER

(August 22—September 22)  
Alternate pleasure in new link-ups and worry about older people may make this an up and down week. If married, marriage partner's affairs take a fortunate turn; if single, marriage plans may near completion. But anything to do with parents or elders breeds trouble.

## OCTOBER

(September 23—October 23)  
Prospects of a better job in the next few days or of some link-up that promises more money. If parents or older people are critical, don't attempt to argue. Conciliatory tactics will be of more avail than clashes this week.

## NOVEMBER

(October 24—November 22)  
Good times ahead this week and some likelihood of "gamblers' luck," but troubles connected with brothers, sisters or old friends likely to persist. Provided you don't touch property matters it is a good business week.

## DECEMBER

(November 23—December 20)  
Relatives prove generous and helpful in next few days and may help you to solve one of your immediate problems. In business somewhat critical period though conditions should be daily easier. Finances improve towards end of week.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 9:

FOR MOST OF US: Stay-at-homes have the best of today's stars. If you must be on the move, allow for missed connections unforeseen difficulties. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Reddish Yellow, 6, Sapphire.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:**  
Provided you are content to stay in your present environment and to make the most of the job you hold at present, this should prove a progressive and happy year. If you are bent upon changes or travel, expect a little trouble and some health problems.

In any event it might be as well to take a little extra care of health. Guard against nervous worry and get out of doors as much as you can. If you are interested in sport, opportunities to indulge your taste in that direction will be plentiful this year.

You seem likely to benefit through legacies or through family associations throughout 1950-51. You need not worry about income this year, but be a little more careful than usual about how you invest your money or what you spend. Impetuous friends will do their best to keep you poor.

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

Better not move house. Concentrate instead on improving your present abode or garden. It is a good year for buying property and for any scheme in which older people are closely involved.

Indeed, family relationships will be a source of comfort to you throughout the year. A link-up with an older male relative will be very helpful in 1950. If married, the re-appearance of an old sweetheart may turn your thoughts to marriage in September.

## MONDAY, APRIL 10:

FOR MOST OF US: Happy beginning to the working week; plans go through without hindrance this morning. A good day for travel, entertaining. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Don't expect sensational "luck" or dramatic setbacks in 1950-51. This next year of life will pass pleasantly enough but without any striking adventures or changes. If you are bent on reshuffling you will have to exert a great deal of effort to bring them about.

Your regular income seems to be unchanged throughout the year, though there may be additional expenses connected with youngsters or dependants. It will not be advisable to travel far in the coming 12 months. Better take your holidays near home.

If you are an employer keep a sharp watch on young people who may work for you and be on your guard against petty theft. If employed, you are likely to find new fellow-workers uncongenial, but it is not likely that you would be driven into taking a fresh job.

Socially, it should be an interesting year particularly if you have much to do with women and their interests. But watch what you spend on entertaining and social life and don't try to keep up with more prosperous friends.

Some worry through children or younger people is likely more than once this year. But on the whole life should be peaceful. There are no signs of important changes in your family affairs or, if single, of marriage. If already settled, better watch for a tendency to bicker towards the end of 1950, and take measures to counteract it.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 11:

FOR MOST OF US: Good for anything that needs imagination and originality. Propitious too for outdoor life and for travel. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Violet Blue, 7, Opal.

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Now begins a year in which you seem fated to changes and strange experiences. Before you reach your 1951 birthday you may have travelled far and should certainly have re-arranged your way of living. This is likely to be a period that will stand out in your memory.

If you get a chance to go abroad, don't hesitate. You could hardly go wrong if you went overseas in 1950-51. The best time in which to make such a move would be either October 1950 or February 1951. You need

not worry seriously about money. Though you may not be prosperous during 1950-51, enough will come in to enable you to live comfortably. Also, you will find that travel expenses are lighter than you anticipated.

One warning—keep on the right side of your employer whether in an old job or a new. Also, don't risk any clash with officials or local authorities about August. If you do not go abroad, consider moving house early in 1951.

It is a good year for marriage if you are still unmarried. The chances are you would plunge into romantic adventures about October and marry early in the New Year. If already settled, there is the likelihood of fresh happiness both for you and your family late in the twelve months.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12:

FOR MOST OF US: Outstandingly good business day. Don't neglect chances of money making or advancement in early afternoon. Good too for travel and changes. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Wine Red, 3, Amethyst.

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Although the first few months of your birthday year may bring even heavier responsibilities than you carry at present, there seems no doubt but that the last few months of the period will be outstandingly fortunate. So be patient if your troubles seem numerous in the next few weeks and remember that by the New Year of 1951 the future will seem much brighter.

It is a good year for changes of any kind provided you undertake them after November. It looks as though you would make a good deal of money changes this year, you must be prepared to adapt yourself to a quite new way of living.

Socially, all the odds are on your side. You seem to be in the good graces both of conventional and established friends and of more bohemian associates. You will probably find your greatest happiness this year in the company of unusual people or foreigners.

Though you may not clear up family worries completely this year, new light on your difficulties will dawn either in July of this year or about February 1951. It should be possible to re-arrange family affairs in a fashion that will make your burdens less tiresome.

This year will be notable for a friendship with someone of striking personality. This particular association will change your point of view on many subjects, and in a year or two is likely to affect your business or profession. If still single, it is a good year for getting married, and the shorter the time you have known your future partner, the better your chances of happiness.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 13:

FOR MOST OF US: If you take life easily you will find that you have made the progress you desired. If you fuss over details or rebel against authority, hold-ups are likely this afternoon. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel Shades, 6, Turquoise.

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Don't expect the stars to shower outstanding benefits upon you in 1950-51. On the other hand, they are not likely to hold up your progress to any appreciable extent. Provided you are not in a hurry to get results, you should enjoy yourself, make steady headway this year.

Although present conditions may be irritating, don't attempt to break away. If you tried to do so you would probably fail. Also, it will be useless attempting to re-mould your present associates or to change your routine extensively.

It is not likely that you would have a good deal of money in hand in 1950-51, but you will probably carry on fairly comfortably. Your income should reach a good level, but you will be constantly paying out on behalf of old friends and relatives. Also, a debt incurred during the war years may prove tiresome.

Be careful what you undertake in the way of property commitments or leases. If you already own your house or premises, you will probably have to spend more than you anticipated on repairs and maintenance this year. Better hold on, though; it is not a good period for selling out any assets of the kind.

Though older people in your circle may be difficult and critical, this is likely to be a happy year. You make new friends and, if single and eligible for marriage, probably get engaged.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 14:

FOR MOST OF US: Easy to take the wrong step or to say the wrong thing this morning; be careful. Safety first should be your policy throughout the day. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Sky Blue, 6, Light Sapphire.

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

Born with the Sun in Aries, you are probably often tempted to act first and think afterwards. This year, this tendency towards impulsive action and hasty judgement will be more pronounced than usual. Better be unusually careful about what moves you make and think well before you embark on changes.

It will be all too easy to make reshuffles which you regret later. Don't throw up your job because you dislike your fellow workers or your employer. Also, don't fall out with those around you any more than you can help.

Money will be the least of your worries during 1950-51 unless you are over-venturesome in speculation. Money staked on the race course or Stock Exchange would probably be lost, but there are no signs that your usual income would be adversely affected this year.

Your health should be good, indeed, you will probably feel more energetic and healthier than usual. But accident risk will be rather higher than usual, particularly round about September and November. Also make sure you are covered against loss by fire.

Your personal affairs will probably be marked by storms and fallings out during most of the year. If unmarried, you will probably plunge into hasty and short-lived affairs. If married, there may be some worry about a dependant or young person half-way through the year.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 15:

FOR MOST OF US: Nothing is likely to turn out as you expected, so better not arrange important interviews or deals. Best policy would be to take life as it comes. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Soft Grey, 5, Onyx.

## BIRTHDAY FORECAST:

It will be useless to pretend that the coming year is likely to be an easy one. Throughout 1950-51 you appear to be restless and uncertain about the future. Although there may be little basis for your anxiety, it will be difficult to settle down into a comfortable routine.

Don't make changes unless you know what you are doing and unless you are quite sure that they are for the best. Certain reshuffles may become necessary in June or July whether you have planned for them or not. Again in early October there may be some necessity for change.

Financially it should be a fairly fortunate year and towards your next birthday you may benefit through legacies or family help. But it will be difficult for you to feel at all secure in the coming twelve months; conditions in your neighbourhood and in your line of work appear to be unsettled throughout the year.

Don't travel if you can help it and above all don't go by air. If you are planning to take a new house or settle down, your plans are likely to be frustrated until about Christmas time. After Christmas you will probably get an opportunity to move into a more congenial environment.

Old friends will be best this year. You will get a good deal of comfort from a long standing association and from family relationships. But new friends may prove a snare and a delusion, and one of them may do something to start up family discontent. Better not make plans for marriage or, if married, expect the family to do as you would wish this year.

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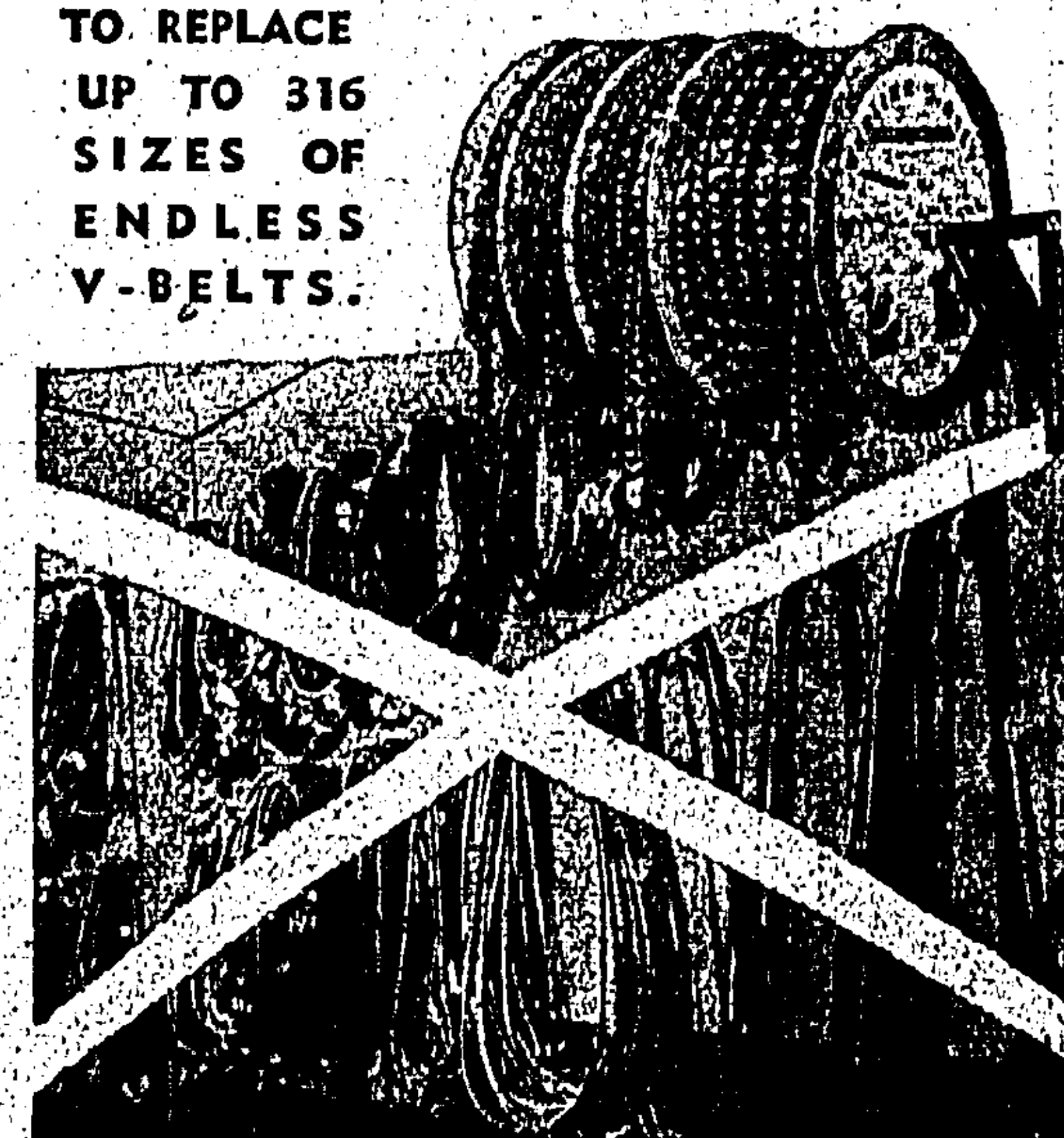
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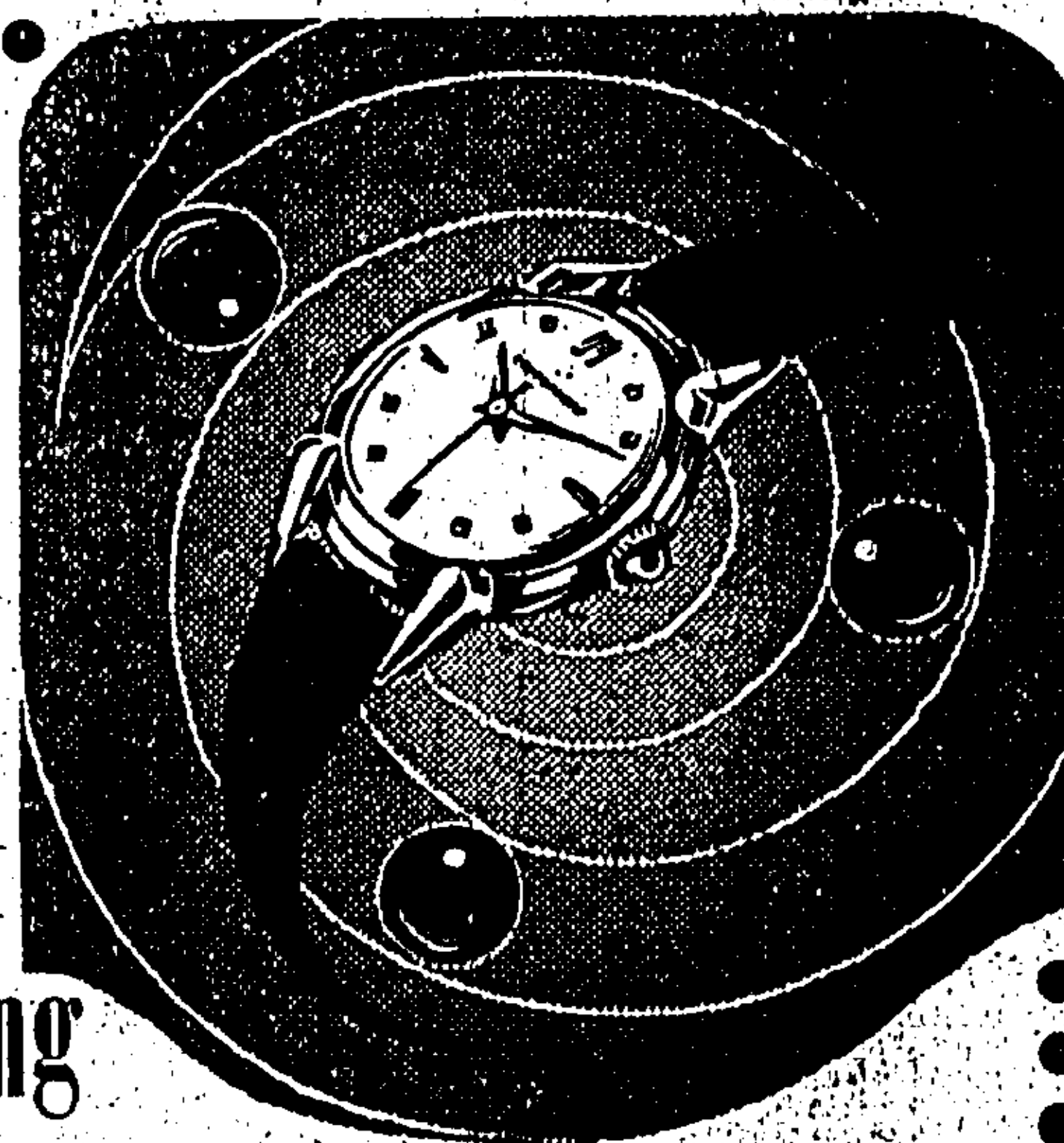
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9.05—"Easter Hymns."  
9.15—Claude Thornhill and his Orch.  
9.30—Church Service.  
9.45—Organ Melodius.  
P.M.  
12.00—"Sur Les Bords de la Seine."  
12.30—Lunch Time Music.  
1.15—News And Weather Report.  
1.30—Popular Concert.  
2.00—Afternoon Musicale.  
4.00—Curtain Calls.  
4.30—Ten Time Times.  
5.00—Main Hall Varieties.  
5.30—April Serenade.  
6.00—"Forces Favourites."  
6.30—Just For You.  
6.45—A special feature for the Children.  
7.00—"The Grand Field" Show.  
7.20—"Song of the Nations."  
7.45—Listen to Lohert.  
8.00—B.B.C. News.  
8.15—Local News.  
8.30—Eastern Caravan.  
8.45—Songs from the Shows.  
9.00—Organ Recital.  
9.15—Classics of Today.  
9.30—"London Playhouse."  
10.00—B.B.C. News.  
10.15—Local News.  
10.30—Relay.  
10.45—A Date with Dreamland.  
12.00—Close Down.

## RAF SORTIES AGAINST GUERRILLAS

Singapore, April 8.  
Royal Air Force fighters and bombers have flown 53 sorties in the past 48 hours against guerrilla positions in Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Johore, it was announced here today.

Tempests, Spitfires and Brigands made bombing and rocket attacks on the guerrillas and Dakotas were active dropping supplies to the security forces in the Malayan jungles.

Three clashes were reported between security forces and Communist guerrillas yesterday. One soldier was killed in Perak. One Gurkha policeman was killed in the Kota Ling area of Johore when 20 guerrillas ambushed a Singapore police party. —Reuter.

London, April 8.  
An estimated 170 Easter travellers died in three major transport disasters on the eve of the holidays. Reuter messages from Spain, Portugal and Brazil reported on Thursday.

The worst of the three was in Brazil, where more than 100 people died in a rail disaster when a train, full of holiday-makers, plunged over a bridge 120 miles from Rio de Janeiro.

In another train accident near Oviedo, Spain, 19 people were killed and more than 100 were hurtled off the rails.

Near Oporto, a Portuguese river ferry sank with an estimated loss of up to 50 lives.

The latest details are given in the following Reuter dispatches. The night train from Rio to Victoria, about 200 miles to the North, plunged into the river Tangua, about half way along the line. More than 100 people were killed and two coaches were still under water, with an unknown number of victims trapped inside. A bridge near Rio collapsed, preventing a train bringing medical aid from reaching the scene.

The train, owned by the British-controlled Leopoldina Railway, carried many holiday-makers. Three coaches of the Madrid-Oviedo express left the rail 15 miles, out of Oviedo, near Villanueva station and rolled down a 381 foot embankment to a road, pinning victims under the wreckage. Nineteen people were reported to have been killed and the injured were put at most 100.

**Ferry boat sinks**  
By this afternoon 17 bodies had been recovered from a crowded ferry boat which sank in the Douro River, near Oporto, last night with 80 people on board.

The Portuguese police said that only 20 people were known to have been saved, leaving more than 40 unaccounted for, but they thought others might have got ashore and gone straight home. The ferry was taking city workers home to riverside villages. There were a number of children on board. Panic among the passengers increased the number of casualties.

Reuter's correspondent in Rio de Janeiro reported late tonight that 10 hours after the first reports of the Brazilian disaster the exact death toll remains still unknown. But according to unconfirmed reports more than 40 bodies, including three babies, have already been retrieved from the river.

Rescue workers, hampered by torrential rain, had to work in deep mud because the river has overflowed its banks. One of the submerged coaches was reported to have carried 70 passengers.

Ambulances were standing by at the scene of the disaster this afternoon.

The Secretary to the Civil Governor of Oviedo said tonight that 37 injured were in hospital in Oviedo, three of them in a grave condition.

Many others were treated for minor injuries and then allowed to go home, he added.

**Two Italians**

The only foreigners reported to be concerned in the accident were two Italians. They were treated for slight injuries, but their names were not yet known.

The Madrid-Oviedo railway line had not been cleared late tonight. But it was hoped that traffic would be running again tomorrow morning.

The Spanish disaster occurred at 9.35 o'clock this morning, when an axle of one of the coaches broke. The three coaches which rolled down the embankment had many people on board and rescue efforts were continuing.

Numbers of passengers were trapped for several hours under the wreckage. Among the dead were a Spanish Air Force captain and several railway officials.

The passengers in the sleeping car and restaurant car had a lucky escape. Three coaches and the mail coach remained on the track. A third class coach at the rear of the train left the rails and remained poised at the edge of the embankment.—Reuter.

## Long distance Easter trips in Britain

London, April 7.  
Long distance Easter holiday trips seemed to be the fashion in Britain this weekend. From London's Northolt airport, there were twice as many people flying to the continent or to Scotland and Ireland as last Easter.

At Romelake, disembarkation port for the Britain to Euro car ferry, twice as many cars were expected. British European Airways are running 332 services from London during the week-end and will carry 7,650 passengers. Long distance trains and coaches were packed. Glasgow, Scotland's biggest city, was a focal point for the travellers, in spite of the smallpox epidemic there, which has killed two and put 19 others to hospital.

Travellers got out today in warm, sunny weather and the Air Ministry was optimistic in its forecasts for the rest of the week-end.

In one way, it was not a traditional Easter. There was very little indication that there would be fewer Easter brides than ever before. "In 13 years in one parish, I have never known so few Easter weddings," one clergyman reported.

The reason? There had been a pre-Easter rush of weddings because those who married before the end of Britain's financial year on April 5 were able to claim the return of some of their income tax payments. "Most bridegrooms like to go a good tax rebate," an official at one of London's best known registry offices said.—Reuter.

## COMMONS QUERY ON SHANGHAI

London, April 6.  
Britain's Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Ernest Davies, told a House of Commons questioner today that no investigations had been made about the use of Shanghai airfields by Russian anti-aircraft men.

Britain had not made, and did not propose to make, any protest to the Chinese Communist Government on this point. "This question concerns an airfield in a foreign country, and His Majesty's Government has no responsibility," Mr. Davies added.—Reuter.

## RADIO

Radio Home Kongs broadcast on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.22 megacycles, per second in the 21 metre band.

M.K.T.  
A.M.  
7.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.  
8.00—World News (London Relay)  
8.10—Sports Results (From the Studio) by Bill Phillips.  
8.12—"Morning Melody"—The London Promenade Orchestra, with Les Deller (Soprano) and John Meluish (Tenor).  
9.00—News and Landauer (Piano Solo).  
9.15—"Easter Carol"—The BBC Singers—Maurice Vinden (Organ)—Conducted by Leslie Woodgate.  
9.45—"Light Symphony Orchestra" (BBC's).  
10.00—Songs from the Meech (Handel).  
10.40—Albert Sandler and His Orch.  
11.00—Relay of the Easter Sunday Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
11.45—Organ Recital by Dr. O. D. Cunningham.  
P.M.  
12.00—"Sports Time"—By Bill Phillips (Studio).  
12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.  
12.35—Songs and Music from "The Easter Parade" (Irving Berlin).  
12.50—Carmen, a Cavalleria (Lips Piano) and His Orchestra.  
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.25—Interlude.  
1.30—"Morning Concert".  
2.00—"Take It From Here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (BBC's).  
2.40—Jazz Hall Hour (Studio).  
3.00—"Musical Recital"—Presented by Amber (Studio).  
4.00—World News (London Relay).  
4.10—"A Short Story: 'The White Mare'" by Michael McLaverly. Read by John Lawrence (Studio).  
4.30—Light Varieties.  
5.00—"Home Requests"—Presented by Pamela Hill (Studio).  
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.  
6.02—"Time for Music"—BBC Scottish Variety Orchestra—With Alexander Carmichael (Piano Solo) and Conductor, Dick Bentley. (BBC's).  
6.30—"Relay of the Sunday Service from St. Paul's Cathedral, London."  
7.00—"Looking Ahead"—A Review of the Week's Programme. (Studio).  
7.15—Weekly News Letter. (London Relay).  
7.30—"Dinner Music".  
8.00—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay).  
8.15—Relay by Benjamin Gill (Tenor).  
8.30—"Easter Anthology"—A Programme of Poetry, Prose and Unaccompanied Singing following the Story of Good Friday and Easter. (BBC's).  
9.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay).  
9.10—Weather Report.  
9.11—"Symphony Concert"—Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G Minor. Fuen Jochem conducting the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam. Chopin's Concerto No. 2 in F Minor, Op. 21, Mazurkas (Piano Solo) and The Philharmonia Orchestra. Conducted by Paul Kletzki. Richard Strauss's Don Juan—Tone Poem. Op. 20. The National Symphony Orchestra. Conducted by Simeon Veit.  
10.30—"The Resurrection"—A Cornish Miracle Play Translated and Adapted by Terence Tiller. (BBC's).  
11.00—"Radio News Reel" (London Relay).  
11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded).  
11.30—"Royal Walsley Male Choir." 11.40—"College." (BBC's).  
12.00—Close Down.

Chiddingfold, Sussex, April 6.

A Royal Air Force Wellington bomber crashed in a field on the outskirts of this village last night and burst into flames, killing all four members of the crew, the Air Ministry announced today.

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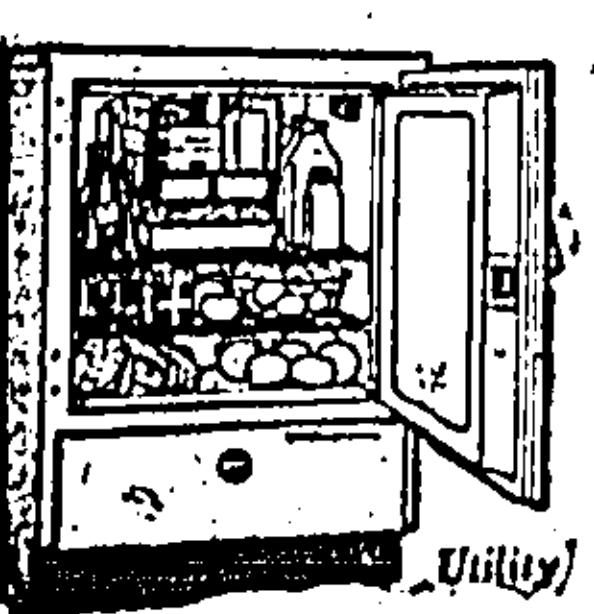
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## Relations with China

The Foreign Office is understood to be fairly confident that an exchange of Ambassadors with Communist China will soon be possible.

It appears that the Communists, in the discussions with Mr. J. C. Hutchinson, British Charge d'Affaires in Peking, have not raised fundamental issues, like the future of Hong Kong. They have shown themselves concerned, however, over a number of important points, including Britain's abstention from voting at UN when the question was raised of the expulsion of Nationalist China's representatives, our maintenance of a Consul-General in Taiwan, the disposal of Nationalist property in our Far Eastern territories and the presence there of anti-Communist refugees.

In a meeting which, he has reported to London, took place in a "cordial" atmosphere, Mr. Hutchinson gave Chou En-lai, Peking's Foreign Minister, the British Government's reply. The abstention at UN was on "technical" grounds and involved no principle. The British Consul in Taiwan was simply there to look after British local interests. Any dispute over Nationalist property on British soil British feels, could be settled by reference to the International Court, while political refugees were traditionally entitled to asylum.

The impression from this interview is that the Chinese Government would now be willing to proceed to the exchange of Ambassadors.

## Truman visit?

The possibility of a State visit to Britain next year by President Truman is likely to be discussed between Mr. Bevin and Mr. Dean Acheson, who is coming to London in May for the Western Big Three Foreign Ministers' conference.

Although the King and his people would be happy to welcome Mr. Truman, there are certain constitutional difficulties in the way of the U.S. President leaving his country in time of peace. It is felt, however, that the benefit to morale in Western Europe resulting from such a visit would be so great that President Truman, in harmony with the Republican opposition in Congress, might be able to find a way around the obstacle.

It is known that Mr. Roosevelt had cherished the hope of visiting Britain at the end of the war. Mr. Truman, on the way home from the Potsdam Conference in 1945, entertained the King aboard an American battleship, but he did not land on British soil.

## Back to normal

Now that all the hustle and bustle of the visit of the French President and Mme. Auriol is over, life inside Buckingham Palace has reverted to normal. The King and Queen have re-

tired to their "flat" in the private apartments in the right wing as you face the Palace from the Mall.

The great State stairs are untrodden and the Royal Family use the small, narrow and rather steep back stairs leading from their modest front door to the "flat".

Indeed, the only remaining sign of the State visit is the modern tapestry which the Austrians presented to the King and Queen as a gift. This is now hanging from a tall step-ladder in the white drawing room.

There, so far as anyone can tell, it will continue to hang until any instructions are given what is to become of it.

## Diplomatic restrictions

Little more is likely to be heard—for the present—at any rate—of suggestions for restricting severely the movements of "Iron Curtain" diplomats here, in spite of a recent Commons statement that some form of retaliation of this kind was being considered.

To begin with, it is clear that a rigid 30-mile limit, on travel out of London was not seriously entertained, partly because restrictions on British diplomats vary from country to country in Eastern Europe, being at their worst in Russia and Rumania, while the position is much easier in Poland and Hungary. In any case, such a step, which would require a special Act of Parliament, would be difficult to apply in a democracy in time of peace.

Accordingly, while some stiffening of security measures is possible, nothing of a dramatic nature is now expected. The initiative for treating "Iron Curtain" representatives here as they Governments treat British Embassy and Legation staffs came from British diplomats in Eastern Europe, but is understood that their proposals did not command anything like general approval in the Foreign Office.

## The Budget

It is the Government's survival in the Budget, due on April 18, and the Finance Bill. Members may feel certain that another appeal to the country will not occur for at least six months. Perhaps for a year or 18 months.

Sir Stafford Cripps could easily precipitate the biggest crisis of all by defying well-known Conservative demands for relief and adhering to uncompromisingly to the principles and methods

of financial and taxation, which he has pursued up to now. If only the Government prove reasonable in the Budget, financial conditions may last through the session, for no party desires an early election. They are literally out of breath and out of funds through the recent campaign.

The Government's position is easier now than when Parliament assembled. The critical debates and divisions on the Address have been weathered, including those on steel, housing and the supply estimates. Defence will be treated very largely as a non-party matter. The Seretse Khama affair has been disposed of for the time being without too much loss of face. Mr. Morrison has promised that there shall be no further nationalisation or doctrinaire legislation and when the operation of the Steel Act becomes a critical issue towards the end of the session, the Government may be able to head off a further postponement.

What the Conservative ex-Minister, Mr. Osbert Peake, said in winding up the debate on the supply estimates has significance. We have got somehow in this Parliament to try and live to fight another day like it or not, for a period which is sure to be months, and may be for a year or more.

## Beer: More confidence

For some years Chancellors of the Exchequer have not encouraged Budget deputations or representations, at any rate on the scale which was considered normal in the old days. Except in the case of certain national bodies, like the Federation of British Industries, a Chancellor has lately only sent for a representative of any industry when he desired to have their advice on the best way of levying or reducing taxation as it affected that industry.

This year the Chancellor is likely to see several deputations, beside the TUC's special economic committee, which is continuing its examination of prices and the cost of living, profits and dividends. Rightly or wrongly, some of the best informed Socialists at the House are beginning to expect some tax changes as they affect overtime and the lower taxation groups. While still ruling out the possibility of anything of tobacco, the City has become very sure that the Chancellor will, in his own interest as well as that of his brewers and the licensing trade, take something off beer.

Returning confidence on the part of investment buyers has already been reflected in a

general rise in Brewery and Licensing shares, recently depressed to an almost unprecedented peace-time low. This pre-Budget movement spread from London to the provinces. The brewery industry will, by deputations or otherwise, make strong representations to the Chancellor regarding the decline in beer consumption.

## Whisper campaign

Authoritative quarters here scout the new whispering campaign to the effect that Mr. Bevin will retire for health reasons during the next three months, and be succeeded by either Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney-General, or Mr. Dalton, Minister of Town and Country Planning.

Though in his 70th year and for sometime a victim of asthma, the Foreign Secretary intends to stay at his post as long as he can—and he is a man of strong will-power. The target he is believed to have set himself is about two years.

His illness is of such a nature that he has been able to recover fully almost immediately after attacks. Lately there has been a slight improvement in his general condition, and his personal visits to hospital for medical injections are for the purpose of strengthening his powers of resistance.

If his doctors should ever feel obliged to insist on his retirement, the expectation in Whitehall is that his successor would almost certainly be Sir Stafford Cripps. Mr. Hector McNair, Secretary of State for Scotland, is regarded as his alternative choice.

## Total war

Despite a Commons statement by Mr. John Dugdale, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, about the situation in Malaya, Whitehall is increasingly alarmed about the trend of events there. The Cabinet's Defence Committee now has the anti-bandit campaign under the most urgent review and it is considered probable that Mr. Shinwell the new Defence Minister, may soon pay a visit to the Colony.

In the meantime, the War Office is believed to have recommended approval of the request from Singapore for the nomination of a senior Army officer as Commander-in-Chief for all anti-bandit operations throughout Malaya, together with the imposition of martial law. At the moment overall control is in the hands of the police. Military observers here have little doubt that no improvement can be expected until the Cabinet makes up its mind that nothing short of total war against the guerrillas will suffice.

It is thought imperative that the men on the spot should enjoy full freedom to take the firm measures they consider necessary, and that further reinforcements be dispatched to ease the strain on units which are spending too long spells in this arduous jungle warfare.

## Engineering show

Eight British engineering firms have pooled their brains to make a worthy display at the Canadian International Trade Fair at Toronto in May.

The "team" of firms, under the leadership of the Engineering Industries Association, has decided on a composite exhibit, which will cover every aspect of the home industry, from metal teapots to tractors. The largest item will be a 15-ton Diesel locomotive for use in mines; the smallest, a selection of tiny nuts and bolts, which hardly lay the scales at all.

Textile machinery, mining tools, gas cookers, intricate mechanisms from the aircraft and electrical industries and simple "handy-man" tools will all be on view.

This multiple display will, it is hoped, demonstrate the soundness of the view given by the Board of Trade after a party of experts had toured Canada—that a vast market is open to our engineering products in the Dominion.

## Replanning

It is estimated that it will take 20 years to complete the replanning of the City of London.

The proposals include new roads, and traffic controls, open spaces and the clearance of slums, notably around St. Paul's, great new blocks of offices, the possible return of Temple Bar, not to the Strand or Ludgate Hill, but to the Temple and a memorial to the Blitz.

The idea of removing Cannon Street station, together with Blackfriars and Holborn stations, has been abandoned; to put them underground would cost £24 million.

The City Corporation's scheme entails private enterprise, with municipal activities, and the former has already produced over 20 schemes costing £12½ million. Of these a relatively few, costing £2½ million, have so far been accepted.

It is realised that the rebuilding of the City, after the war, was much easier than the present one, not merely the physical rebuilding, but the whole process of planning, and the whole process of carrying out the plan.

## What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

## Free rice imports

SING TAO JIH PAO: Mr. R. R. Todd, the Acting Colonial Secretary, has stated that if merchants are allowed to import rice freely the quality should be different from that of Government rice.

He also stated that it should be determined beforehand whether shipment should be undertaken by the merchants themselves or by government to be handed over to the merchants for sale to the public.

It is essential to the maintenance of substantial rice stocks that merchants be given a free hand in importing rice from Siam and Burma.

If such rice is allowed to be imported freely it will bring down the prices in the open market. It is therefore necessary that importation of good quality rice should be encouraged.

The merchants should also be allowed to undertake the importation and sale of rice without restrictions. Competition will result in the public getting good rice at a reasonable price.

Above all, once imported, the rice should not be allowed to be exported.

## KUNG SHEUNG YAT PAO:

Government has decided to relax the restrictions on the free importation of rice from abroad. This partial relaxation of restrictions should prove to be a good thing, provided it is efficiently administered.

It will also prove to be an effective means of checking the rising prices of open market rice and increasing Hong Kong's stocks.

## Gelling Up Nights Stopped In 24 Hours

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## Japan peace treaty

TA KUNG PAO: We again urge that the peace treaty with Japan should be discussed and concluded as early as possible. The peoples of the Soviet Union, of the People's Republic of China, and of Japan are anxious for the peace treaty to be signed at an early date.

Obviously, the United States does not want the treaty to be concluded. They want to have Japan under their domination in order to convert Japan into a military base for aggressive war.

General MacArthur has not carried out the basic policy regarding Japan as laid down by the Far East Commission. The policy is to bring about the terms of Japan's surrender and to set up international security and stability according to the principles of the Potsdam Declaration.

General MacArthur is encouraging Japanese reactionaries and is preserving Japan's armament industries. Japan's military and naval bases are being repaired, and Japanese war criminals are being freed.

All this exposes the overall conspiracy of the American imperialists.

## Russians in China

HONG KONG TIMES: The Russians must be driven out of China. In fact there is no Chinese Communist regime in China today. This country is in the hands of the Soviet Union.

By their deeds, the Chinese Communists have sold out the interests and welfare of the Chinese people to the Soviet Union and today the policy which the Chinese Communists are pursuing is to pursue a policy of waging war on behalf of the Soviet Union.

The Chinese people should wake up to the fact that the present regime in China is a traitorous government and must be exterminated. Not only that, but the Chinese people should wake up to the fact that the Chinese Communists are waging war on behalf of the Soviet Union.

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## Invasion of Hainan

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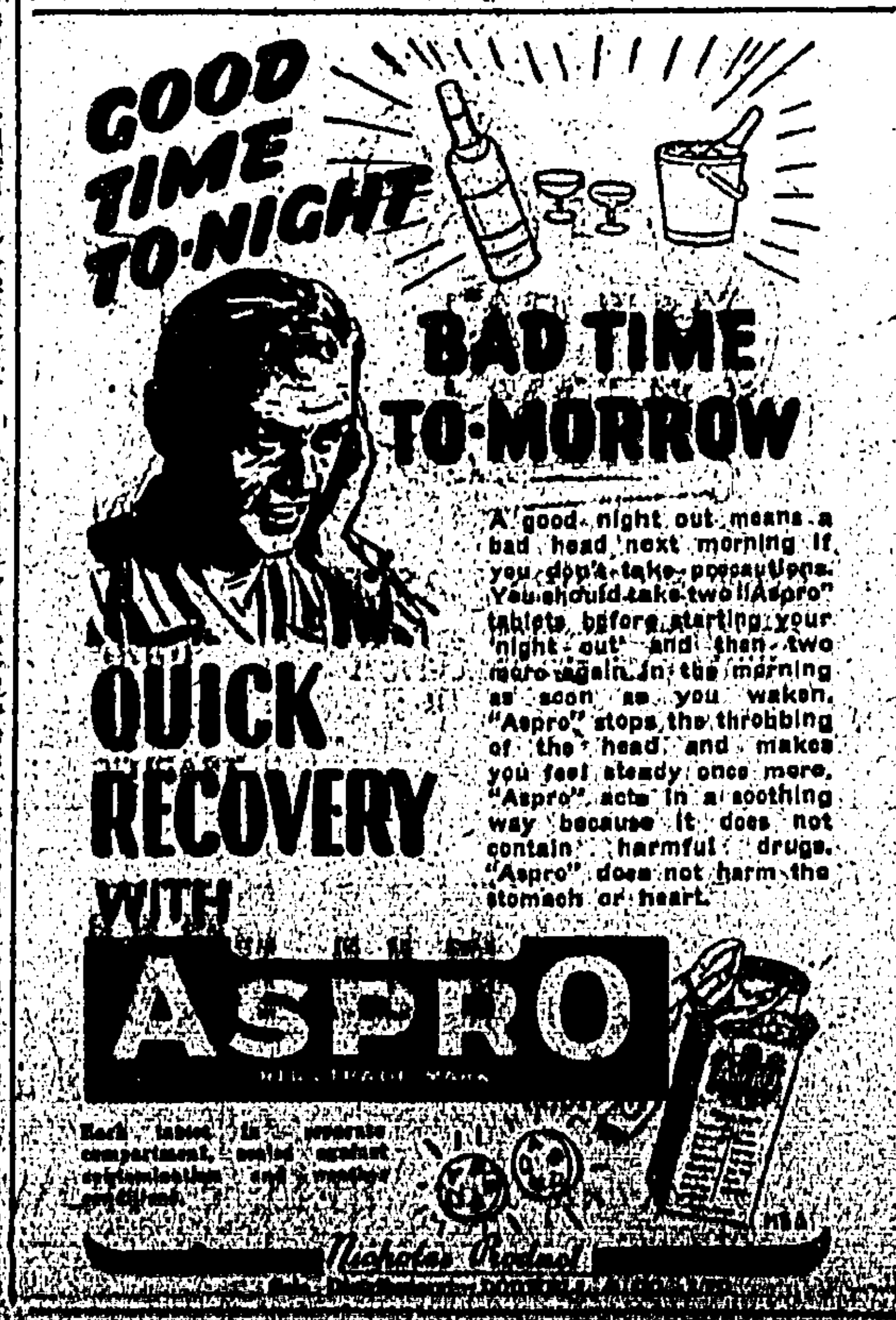
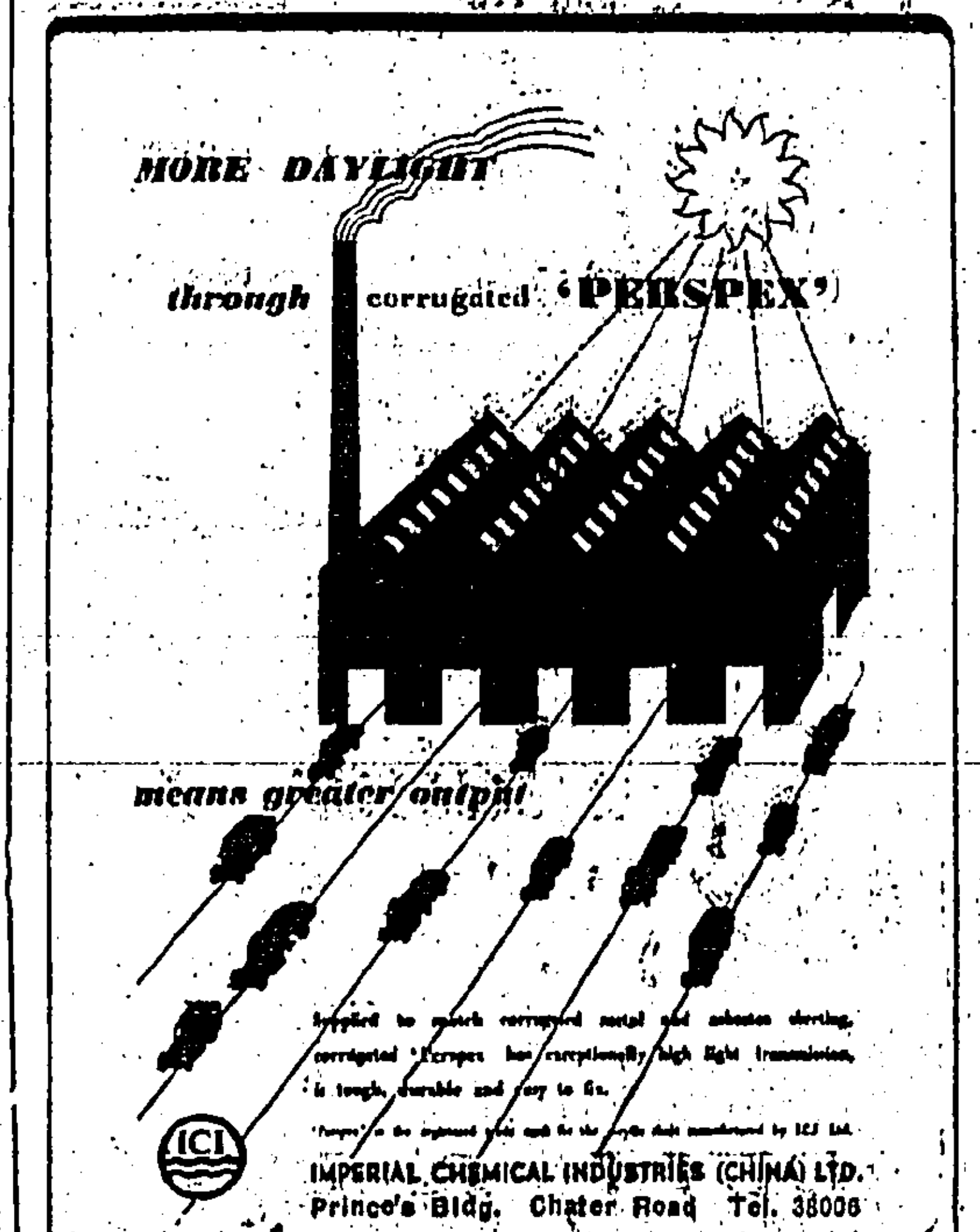
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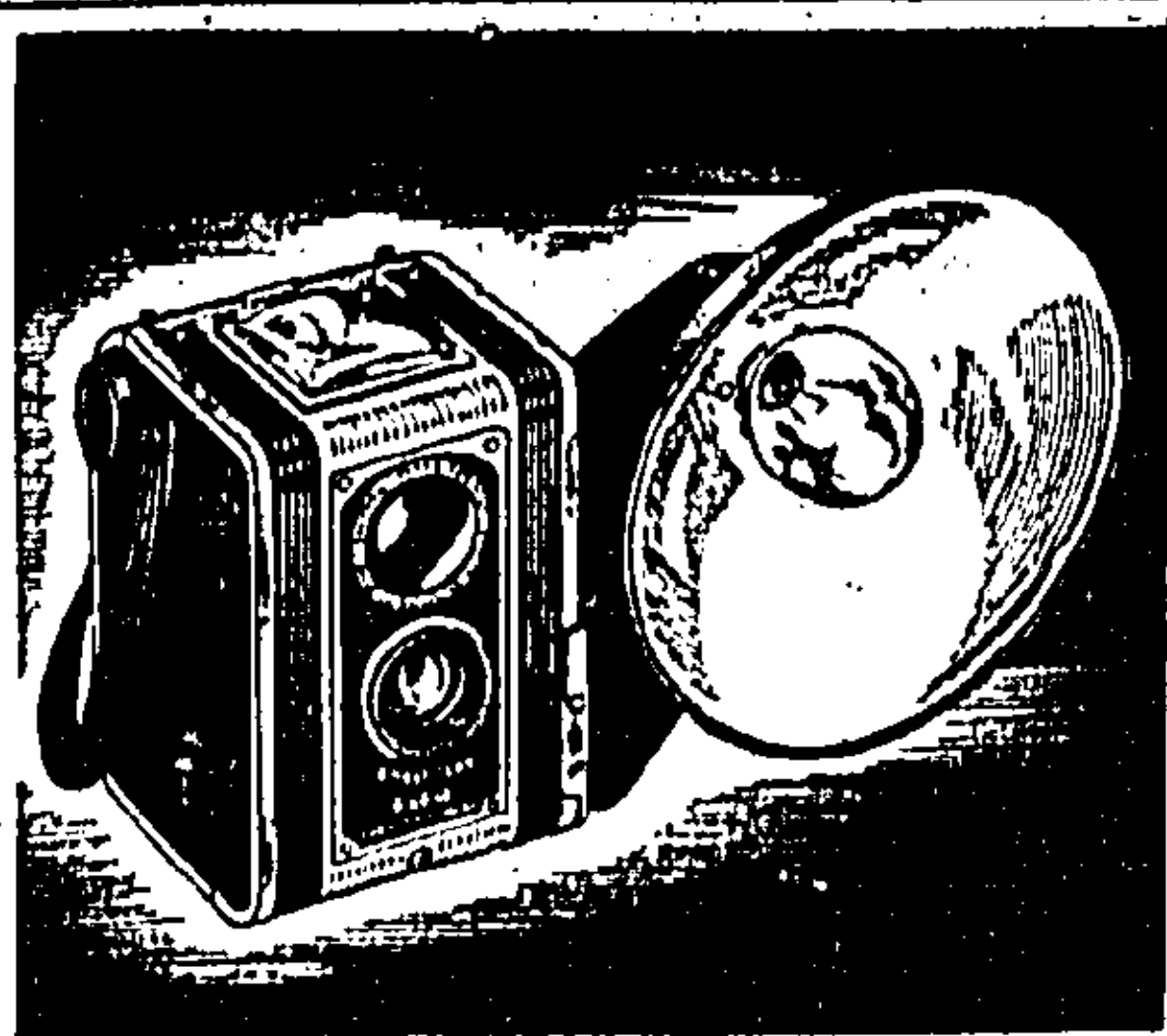
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## Revolt in Indonesia:

# FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ULTIMATUM TO REBELS

Jakarta, April 7.

The Federal Government gave 48 hours' grace to Captain Andi Abdul Axis, rebel leader in control of Macassar, East Indonesian capital, to come to Jakarta and account for his revolt.

An official communique announcing this also stated that at least 300 Dutch troops took part in Wednesday's coup, in which Axis and his followers overpowered the Macassar Federal garrison.

The Government said that a meeting today between the Indonesian Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Hatta, and the East Indonesian Information Minister, Mr. Ratulangi, had made it clear that the revolt was not connected with any attempts at maintaining the State of East Indonesia.

Captain Axis' coup on Wednesday followed weeks of tension over plans to incorporate East Indonesia, joined last December into the United States of Indonesia, into Jogjakarta State, and the arrival of 900 reinforcements for the Federal Army at Macassar.

The Government declared today that motives for the revolt given by Captain Axis in a letter to Dr. Hatta could not be accepted as justification for his deeds.

On the return of the Dutch Commander from Macassar, it added, discussions would be held about steps to be taken against the Dutch troops involved.

Captain Axis' letter was brought last night by Colonel Mogokinto, Indonesian Army Commander in Macassar, who arrived by air with Mr. Ratulangi.

### Strong measures

Earlier today the Indonesian Government had announced that it would take very strong measures to deal with the revolt unless the situation improved within the period of grace it would allow.

It said that there had been no change in the order of the Federal reinforcement battalion now in two ships lying off South Celebes, whom Captain Axis did not allow to land.

A Government spokesman said that Captain Axis, who is 26 and was trained with the British First Airborne Division (Red Devils) was considered a rebel against the Federal Government.

The spokesman said that the Captain and his troops used their transfer to the Indonesian Army as a cloak for their actions.

### Axis threat

In Macassar, Captain Andi Axis, said today that he would starve the Federal reinforcement

ment battalion from Jakarta into returning to Java.

The battalion, with some of their families and other passengers, are aboard the two ships Waikele and Bontekke, which have been standing off Macassar since Wednesday morning.

The troops, who belong to the Indonesian Federal Army, are former guerrilla fighters. Captain Axis has refused them permission to land. He said today that the ships were running short of food and water but that he had refused to obey instructions from the central government in Jakarta to supply them at sea.

The marine authorities here pointed out that the Celebes coast was not yet cleared of magnetic mines so that an amphibious landing was unlikely.

Another 250 former guerrilla fighters arrived at Macassar today from Bali, an island off the East Java Coast, but Captain Axis has refused them permission to land and is sending them back to Java. Three captured Federal officers, who were given parole yesterday to contact 200 deserters from Soengoesmin camp returned to Macassar today. They reported that the troops, fearing reprisals, escaped to a mountain stronghold. But the troops promised not to attack Captain Axis' forces if left alone.

### Sultan's plan

Meanwhile, the Dutch news agency Aneta said here today that it had been informed on the last authority that Sultan Hamid of Pontianak, Indonesian Federal Minister Without Portfolio, had planned to take prisoner the entire Indonesian Cabinet.

The Sultan was arrested on Wednesday on a charge of or-

## Britain and Westerling

London April 8.

Britain has advised Indonesia to apply again for the extradition of the West Java rebel leader, Captain "Turco" Westerling, now in Singapore Gaoi, this time invoking the existing Anglo-Netherlands Extradition Treaty, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The Indonesian Government asked for Westerling's extradition last February when, after leading a revolt against the Federal Government, he fled to Singapore.

Britain's advice to Indonesia to invoke the existing treaty in a further request, which must be addressed specifically to the Singapore Government, was understood in usually well-informed quarters here to indicate that Britain considered Indonesia had a good case in law for claiming to be the Netherlands' successor in this respect.

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The agency said today that, according to its source a document had been found detailing the organisation of Westerling's private "Army of the Heavenly Host" which marched into the town of Bandoeng and held it for several hours.

The Sultan's name, the agency said, was "at the top as Commander". He was alleged to have instructed Westerling to act in Jakarta, the Federal capital, at nine o'clock on the night of January 25 when the Cabinet was in session with the order, "Take the whole Cabinet prisoner."

But the plan failed because the Cabinet half an hour earlier than was expected, the agency said.

The agency's source also alleged that the Indonesian authorities had proof that the Sultan planned with Westerling an attack on the Indonesian Parliament buildings in Jakarta on February 15 when it was opened by President Achmed Soekarno.

### Plot misfires

This plot misfired because a battalion of Indonesian Federal troops was put on guard outside the building, a step which Westerling had not anticipated, the source said.

Later, Hamid offered refuge to Westerling in the Sultanate of Pontianak, it was alleged.

The Sultan, aged 37, dark and good looking, was once an Adjutant of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands and a Major-General in the Royal Netherlands Indies Army.

He was one of the four men appointed by President Soekarno to form the first Cabinet of the United States of Indonesia and was once tipped as a likely candidate for the position of Indonesian High Commissioner in Holland.

The Indonesian authorities were said to have questioned the Sultan some time ago about his activities but he refused to confess, the agency said.

It was officially announced on April 4, the day before his arrest, that Hamid at his request had been granted leave to resign honourably from service in the Royal Netherlands Indies Army.

—Reuter.



THE SPRING CLEANER

## Indian-Pakistan talks ending

New Delhi, April 7.

The six-day old talks between the Indian and Pakistan Prime Ministers, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Liaquat Ali Khan, to find a solution to the problem created by recent disorders in the two Bengals were, according to informed quarters, near completion today when the draft agreement was further examined.

The Prime Ministers will meet again tomorrow morning.

The joint talks would appear to have lengthened beyond earlier anticipations because, in considering what may be called the operative portion of the agreement like the scope and functions of minorities, the Commissions to be set up in the affected provinces and the directives to be issued to the respective Governments for the implementation of the agreement, certain adjustments have been found to be necessary.

The Prime Ministers are also understood to have reviewed the position of minorities in the two countries as a whole although the general situation has been the immediate "target" of the conversations.

Pandit Nehru had two meetings with Liaquat Ali Khan today, one shortly after lunch, lasting an hour, and another in the evening, lasting half an hour.

### Every effort

According to informed quarters every effort will be made at tomorrow's meeting of the Prime Ministers to "clinch" the draft agreement.

Liaquat Ali Khan is believed to have indicated his desire to leave for Karachi tomorrow if possible on account of pressing official engagements.

On the Secretariat level there were further discussions today on economic matters with particular reference to the jute trade deadlock between India and Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the Congress Working Committee—the highest executive body of the Party in power—in a resolution passed today on the Bengal problem called upon every Indian "to refrain from any word or deed which worsens the atmosphere which is already clouded with fear and passion."

Pandit Nehru and the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Patel, are among the members of the Committee and attended today's meeting.

The Committee expressed the hope that the efforts now being made to find a peaceful solution (the reference is to the Nehru-Liaquat talks) would succeed and declared that the problem could only be solved "by strict ad-

## American asks Czech sanctuary

Prague, April 7.

Mr. George S. Wheeler, an American professor of economics living in Prague, today asked the Czechoslovak Government for asylum for himself and his family and accused the United States of running an enormous espionage service.

At a press conference Mr. Wheeler, a former employee of the United States War Department, named General William Draper, one-time American Economics adviser in Germany, as among the Americans who came to secret agreements with German industrialists after the war on future policy in Germany.

Mr. Wheeler said he had asked the Czechoslovak Government to grant asylum for himself, his wife and their four children because of a whole chain of experiences which he had with the American Military Government in Germany.

He came to Czechoslovakia with his family about three years ago and is a professor at the Prague Higher School of Economic Science.

Mr. Wheeler said that during the war he was employed as an economist by the United States War Department and was sent to London in 1944 to be ready to head the Denazification Branch in the American Zone of Germany when Berlin should be liberated.

He was also to become policy chief for the Labour Office in the Zone.

### Berlin job

In Berlin, his official instructions were to eliminate former Nazis from leading positions and replace them with anti-Fascists. Mr. Wheeler alleged that those officials were "the representatives of international cartels and trusts" and quoted an unnamed businessman as looking at the destruction in Berlin and remarking: "Too bad we did not go on to Moscow and finish the job."

Mr. Wheeler said he soon realised that these words expressed the real character of American policy—a policy which was carried out by such men as Robert Murphy, and General Draper, Vice-President of the legal firm of Dillon Read and Company, representing the interests of Wall Street.

Mr. Wheeler added that General Draper's partner was Mr. John Foster Dulles, a brother-in-law of Mr. Allen Dulles, Chief of the Office of Strategic Services' "espionage organisation" in Switzerland who, Mr. Wheeler alleged, co-operated with leading Nazis during the war.

He said that "they all followed in the same concealed way the true aim of their policy during, as well as after, the war. They came to secret agreements with the big German industrialists regarding the future policy in Germany."

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## Finland's relations with Russia

Helsinki, April 8.

Relations between Finland and the Soviet Union have not developed as had been wished; the Prime Minister, Mr. Juho Kekkonen, told the Finnish nation today.

"It is necessary to face the facts, otherwise we cannot make any progress," he added.

Speaking in a nationwide broadcast on the anniversary of the conclusion of the mutual aid and friendship treaty with Russia, Mr. Kekkonen reassured his listeners that his Coalition Government considered the furthering of a good neighbour policy their foremost task.

"The Government's efforts are not enough," Mr. Kekkonen said. "The whole nation must participate because it is a treaty between two nations, not only between two governments."

"I appeal on behalf of the Government especially to the Finnish Press, which are a responsible party of its own, in the furthering of this country's official foreign policy, which has been approved by the Diet," the Prime Minister said.

"The Russo-Finnish pact, which came into being on a Soviet initiative, provides that Finland in case of need with Soviet aid or in co-operation with the Soviet Union, should fight to avert any aggression directed against Finland or against the Soviet Union through Finnish territory."

"We hope that our resolution to defend our territory in case of war will prevent war from spreading to this Northern corner of the world," Mr. Kekkonen said.—Reuter.

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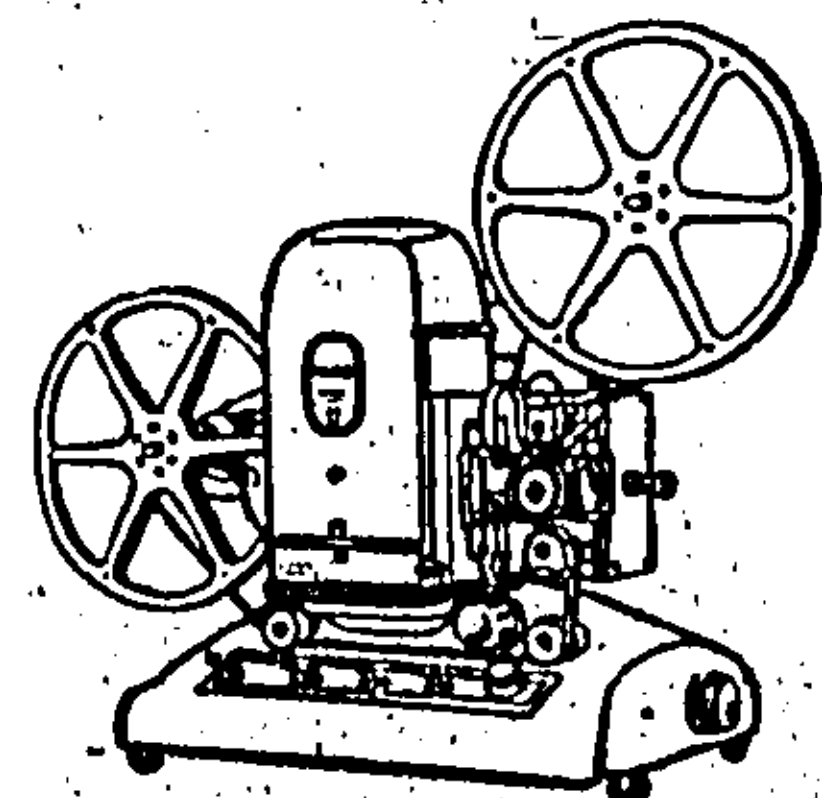
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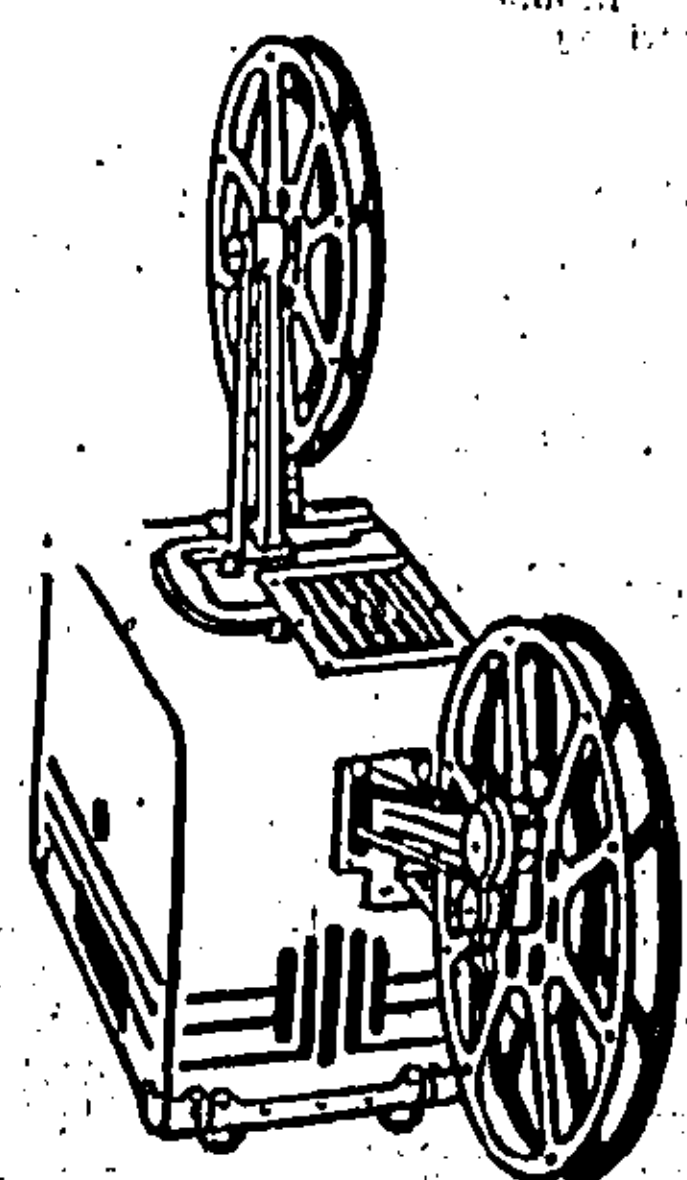
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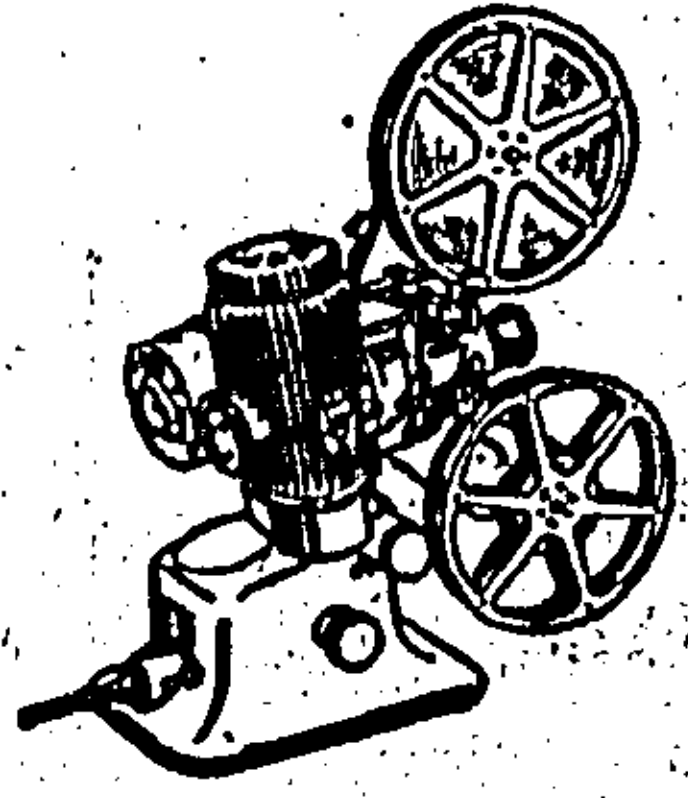
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## ABLE SEAMAN



By HOLT

## An air-minded Commonwealth

Powerful as it may be as an instrument of war, the aeroplane today is making an increasing contribution to the progress of civilisation. Recently I flew to Australia, returning via the Far East, Hong Kong, Siam, Burma and India.

Everywhere I found an increasing realization of the importance of civil aviation as a factor in daily life. Men like Mr. Menzies and Mr. Holland, the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, are accurately informed about both their internal and external affairs. Mr. Chifley, Leader of the Australian Opposition, is an encyclopedia of aviation news.

There is good geographical reason for this interest. Not only has the very size of Australia made the country a nursery—indeed a forcing house—for means of swift long-distance travel, but experience has forced home the realization that, if future isolation is to be avoided, efficient long-range air connections are essential.

Last year, one out of every seven Australians travelled by air. This is the highest proportion anywhere in the world. Apart from the big long-distance operators, Australia is criss-crossed by a fine grid of internal services. These are mostly operated by small companies using ex-Army-type American aircraft, mainly Dakotas and the like. Their replacement should provide a useful market for British aircraft. There is no dollar availability; and the example set in reliability and comfort by the British flying boats that cross the Tasman Sea to New Zealand is impressive indeed.

## Speculation

There is much speculation whether British jet-driven aircraft can profitably be used on these internal routes. First, I think, will come the Comet on the long-range overseas sectors. Immediate interest and much goodwill has been created for British aviation by the successful trials of this first all-jet airliner.

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Hawker, Bert Hinkler and Sir Kingsford Smith carried the burden of developing inter-continental flying. And today I found the authorities very willing to listen sympathetically to requests for improved airport facilities. Among them are long-range radio

By Sir Miles Thomas

aid, so that the Comet can come under airport control while 400 to 600 miles away.

It seems likely that for the shorter hauls on the internal



routes the turbo-prop type of power units will be more suitable. But here again Britain has a useful lead in design and production.

Two points particularly impressed me in Hong Kong and Burma. One is the growing use of air freight. The other is that the local populace prefer to travel with British crews. Short haul of air freight is largely the outcome of the disturbed ground transport situation inland. Within 30 miles of Rangoon, I was told, a car or lorry is likely to be stopped, its load rifled, and passengers robbed and forced to walk back. Rail bridges are still "blown."

Even in those Far Eastern countries where conditions are not quite so bad, pilfering and delays are rife. It cannot be an economical exercise to transport potatoes by aeroplane; yet there is a regular traffic in them and other basic food produce in Rangoon today.

## Ambassadorial work

British air-crews are doing fine ambassadorial work wherever they fly. Wives of rich Burmese business men unhesitatingly commit their children to the care of our captains and stewards on aircraft flying hundreds of miles to India, where the youngsters go to boarding school. It is good to see the prestige and traditions of our Merchant Navy developing in the air. It is all part of the pattern

of acceptance of air travel as commonplace by the peoples of the world.

The part that Britain has played in this post-war development has admittedly been expensive. But the new aircraft that are now rapidly replacing the uneconomical converted war-time types are beginning to show their worth in figures.

Much remains still to be done. Before the Comet cleaves the sky on daily scheduled, high-altitude meteorological forecasting will have to be developed; winds of 150 miles an hour and more blow

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## Behind the political scene

By Alastair Forbes

## JUSTICE IN BRITAIN

No responsible politician can have disagreed with the Lord Chancellor's remarks in the House of Lords deprecating any tendency on the part of the judiciary to criticise the legislation it exists to enforce.

The Lord Chief Justice, speaking during the same flogging debate from the cross-bench, made it clear that he had not and would not in any event encourage such a tendency.

Doubtless Lord Jowitt, whose own speeches were weighed down by statistics, had in mind less eminent judges, such as the one who recently announced that "facts speak louder than statistics".

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son sentence falls to halt crimes of violence, these will be stopped by birching.

## No panaceas

Again, while the threat of a much longer prison sentence seems to be a far more active deterrent, its effect is often to make a prisoner unfit for any society other than the criminal or for any other profession save that of thief or thug.

It may be that new evidence may be forthcoming to indicate the necessity of reintroducing old penalties, whether it be birching or the stocks. But in the meantime no swift reforms are possible and no panaceas in sight.

In this overcrowded island it has not yet been found practical to give "prisons without bars" a fair trial. There exists, indeed, a strong case for restoring the right to deport convicted criminals for a term in some settlement where they might purge their crimes in a manner which would serve the community without at the same time making them unserviceable or dangerous to the community for ever afterwards.

## Distorted views

It is important that Mr. Churchill should elaborate the ideas about Germany's part in Europe which he sketched so lightly in his speech in the Defence Debate and which were immediately distorted by Mr. Crossman and other Socialists.

It is absurd to accuse Mr. Churchill, as Mr. Crossman sought to do, of lack of understanding of France. Mr. Churchill shares with General de Gaulle and many other Frenchmen a desire to settle the Franco-German question within a European framework.

Germany's Dr. Adenauer agrees, but cannot resist looking for a solution which, by doing without British participation, might allow France to be stifled in a German-dominated Europe.

## Arming the East

Full British participation in a European alliance is therefore essential, and some early commitment on this score must be made by the Government. As to the question of Germany assuming some responsibility for her own defence, that is equally urgent, and cannot be ducked.

Mr. Crossman and his friends seem to forget that the Russians



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have already armed Eastern Germany, and may very shortly be able to out-manoeuvre us decisively by forcing us to leave Western Germany defenceless.

Russia's vast reserve of manpower is already a sufficient threat without the strong German reinforcements. Mr. Crossman seems short-sightedly determined to make available to the enemies of Western Europe. In fact, the present defence situation on both sides of the Atlantic gives cause for alarm. General Eisenhower's serious words have confirmed the view that far stronger teeth must quickly be put into Mr. Acheson's comprehensive policy for narrowing the danger of war.

It is a tragedy that Mr. Acheson, at this critical time, should be himself the object of what may with good and sufficient reason be called the "disgraceful" attack of Senator McCarthy, a cowardly careerist who seems bent on breaking the ablest Secretary of State the U.S. has had in years.

The discovery of any official telegrams from Mr. Shinnell or Mr. Strachey to the State Department and the addition of their two names to McCarthy's "37 varieties" would probably now be held by many Americans grounds for Mr. Acheson's impeachment. That is a further measure of the folly of those two appointments by Mr. Atlee.

## Let him go

Mr. Strachey has been undeservedly luckier than Mr. Acheson. The Tories, say perhaps of accompanying Lord Beaverbrook on safari the whole way, let their nigger go at the first squeal. But Senator McCarthy's charges were made under cover of Congressional immunity, not in a newspaper.

Otherwise, if Mr. Acheson, a man of honour and principle, had had Mr. Strachey's opportunity to vindicate himself in open court, he would not have hesitated one second to do so, nor would he have found it difficult.

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## Communist problem

The people of Australia have at least heard what they have long been waiting for: A Government declaration of determination to wipe out the Communist element white-anting industry and commerce and currently showing in the Brisbane waterside hold-up.

By proclamation of the Crimes Act the Commonwealth Government has armed itself with powers immediately available and more than justified by the gravity of the new strike technique which is being felt in all parts of Australia and all countries with which Australia trades. What happens is this: Communists light on local grievances in widely separated parts and work them up until they become quite a thing. Top marks are given by Red agents working this in parts where the local union leaders are known as non-Communists, for trouble shooters invariably regard such a dispute as a genuine industrial one. Very few moderate unionists recognise these local hold-ups as Communist-inspired, or connect a strike in Fremantle with one in Brisbane, but that's the way it is.

Now, however, men who have so far escaped punishment while they have been inciting others to break the law can be reached, and moreover, the unionists of other countries can be deported. Now the gloves are off, every loyal Australian will see the light as a free for all, for what is to come is something more than a round between the Menzies Government and the Moscow men—it is the salvation of the country.

Extraordinary thing about the disruptive element in the waterside unions is that, if a showdown occurred, Communists and their supporters would not add up to more than 25 per cent of these unions, but they wield an influence out of all proportion to their numerical strength. Secretaries and many paid officials in the ports are acknowledged Communists; the watersiders elect them because of their ability, but in most of the ports Communist nominees for the executives are invariably defeated. This sets up a pull devil pull-dog contest between the Communists and non-Communists which is behind all the waterfront trouble, as each accuses the other of giving away conditions and vying for prestige with the rank and file.

Anything may happen within the next few months for even the rosiest glasses pick up the rocks ahead, but just the same no one wants compromise. Since Mr. Menzies was elected Mr. Menzies has given ample time for wiser counsels to prevail but the union leaders are working themselves into a frenzy about misrepresentation and declaring the proclamation to be hasty and

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ill-advised. What they refuse to admit is that direct action to enforce any claim is an assault upon the very system that operates in the best interests of the trade unions, and that a collision with the law, openly and insolently indicated, can only result in serious consequences for their federation.

Immediately following the proclamation the attitude of the Government continued to be a study in patience but the ordinary citizens were eager to see a clean-up because the signal to button up for another cheerless winter results from recent stoppages on the coal fields which even now are reflecting in big cuts in industry and everyday amenities.

The tragedy of the trade unions impasse is all the sharper by contrast with the bounty of the land because good seasons don't last for ever and unless the ships are kept moving by proper continuity of work the man on the land will be cheated out of top values for the fruits of their labour. Opportunities for good work in the country have never been better, but materials are even shorter than labour and some graziers are so desperate that they are restricting breeding to keep their flocks down to workable numbers.

In the good seasons landowners plough back as much as they can in the way of profits, not solely for the sake of the land but because it is the one way they can reduce the burden of taxation, but the problem at the present time is to secure materials for improvements. Where graziers have been able to secure fencing materials they are paying £80 to £100 a mile for the erection of fences as compared to £20 and £30 before the war but even at that it is a paying proposition against the depredations of rabbits, because, come the bad times, there will be no need for a census to prove that the pest outnumbers the flocks.

## Flood waters

While landowners in many parts of the country are doubling their permanent water by putting down dams and artesian bores—the aim is one for every 2,000 acres—other parts have flood waters running through like surging taking a disastrous toll of stock and menacing homes as the swift running rivers spread across the flat country. The crying shame of it is that the precious element just runs to waste when half what is being lost in strikes would finance water conservation schemes that would save even the thirsty land through any drought.

## Big golf

Considering the record crowd of more than 12,000 which not only followed but at times organised play at the National Open Golf Championship it's fun to remember that not so very long ago Australians used to consider golf a pretty staid game and sand cateralls after anyone carrying a bag in the street.

Today however it is definitely a game for the people, despite its rapidly rising costs, and there's nothing more definite than that it is a major spectator attraction. Little matter that will bring is problems of gallery control to sponsors and officials if the stampede of spectators at this last big golf do is taken as a precedent. The M'Williams Wines £2,500 tournament has helped tremendously in building up public interest in big golf by importing overseas players and providing big enough prize money

to bring together the best golfers in Australia and New Zealand.

Naturally the firm hasn't lost anything by it either as it gets what was a smart business idea tremendous publicity. This year, Eric Gremin, who took the first prize (£2,000), beat Welshman Dai Rice by two strokes after the tensest battle in Australian golf history—in fact, the British professional champion as the likeliest winner up to the 14th in the last round, when the news spread that Gremin, playing behind, needed only par figures for the remainder to win.

Gremin not only got them calmly and deliberately, but did slightly better—at the short 17th he holed a 2, got his par on the 18th to make a total of 283. He is one of the very few players who has the game and can hit it for the occasion to go four times round the Australian course and finish with a score like 283, which is one under par.

## Snags ahoy!

So many amazing personalities have blossomed out in "The Territory" over the past few years that it really takes something to get the locals talking but the buzz that has set up over meat tycoon, A. W. Anderson, makes the Psalm of Thanksgiving sound like a lullaby.

Mr. Anderson—he likes friends to call him "Big Ando"—is probably one of the most unconventional men in the Territory, but since he has provided Port Moresby with his second butchery's shop he's leading for what goes for patron saint status in those parts.

Before "Big Ando" came along, Port Moresby, with a population of 3,000, had a single butchery's shop and presumably the local lad thought he had the game sewn up securely as he only deigned to do business between 6.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Unable to get a suitable site in the town, Mr. Anderson set up business on a refrigerator barge of 100 tons which he bought from war disposals. The meat he sells comes from his abattoirs at Wailangarra, N.S.W., and is freighted to the Territory from Sydney; merchandising methods too are a decided novelty for Papua as the shop stays open all day (and quite understandably the other one does too) and at Christmas time gift poultry was sent to customers and free beer was served to them in the shop.

While in Port Moresby Mr. Anderson lives on his barge where he shares a four-berth cabin with employees, and although this retail business is just a side line he intends to build a shop on the mainland just as soon as he can get a site.

Also, at 61 years of age he plans to live in the Territory permanently because the climate makes him feel energetic! It's no secret that his Australian business has a turnover of £4,000,000 a year, and his New Guinea firm, Anderson's Island Industries Ltd. has assets in the Territory worth about £700,000, mostly in the form of ships. In a few months time Island Industries will launch the Territory's first, large scale fishing enterprise when two 300-ton cargo ships will be equipped as floating canneries, and three or four trawling and herring fleets will go into operation.

## Of this and that

Big things for the future of the motion picture industry will

probably follow a demonstration of a third dimension gadget given in the little seaside township of Lota, Queensland.

The invention which is the result of five years' experimenting by Messrs. N. H. Dyer, projectivist, and D. F. Macpherson, radio engineer, is no bigger than a matchbox and can be attached to any make of projector—the secret being the treatment of light so that it causes an illusion of depth, particularly apparent in colour films.

Hailed as the greatest lifeboat voyage ever voluntarily attempted, the trip of five life-savers in an open boat from Bondi to Effingham was made for the crew to compete in the Australian Surf Championships at Coolangub. The boat was the regulation lifeboat fitted with a mast, 22-ft. long with a beam of 8-ft.

Using two aeroplane-picking cases as a church an Anglican minister in North Geelong hopes by services and share farming to get both a congregation and a worthy house of worship at the Housing Commission's settlement at Norlane. The Shell Company has lent 100 acres of land and a barley crop on share farming is expected to raise about £700 for the building of a church, hall, and kindergarten, which will be built by parishioners at an estimated cost of £2,000, a third of which will be provided by Church authorities.

The slithering snake takes the place of the dog in the news maxim since, man and boy, we've taken to eating 'em alive. Not so long ago a frenzied femme rescued a small snake from her two-year-old, who, somehow, had managed to get the alligator firmly behind the head, with pitiably chubby fist, the other grasping the tail while he bit on the bend in the middle.

Currently we mourn for Sammy, a dapper little diamond snake, the pride of a showman, who lived in luxury inside his owner's shirt, slipped his beard, and showed affection by poking his little flat head into the master's mouth. The story of Sammy might have had a happy ending if he had teamed up with anyone but a showman, for Sammy was produced in a crowded Sydney bar to do his stuff. When the timid, backed away and the rest convinced that Sammy was not of the species, usually seen through the bottom of a glass, the show was a wily 'complot' with press photographer. Then the villain entered, in the guise of Nick Whisk, one-time Olympic hop, step, and jump winner. Said Nick, "I've seen these rubber snakes before" and straightway picked up Sammy, and bit his head clean off. Blood spurted, and Nick's face was just a red, and as well too, because his obvious distress averted an incident.

The owner's lament is softened by the thought of a couple of dozen snakes 'at home', but between remorse and starvation, for he's off tucker and triple for his Nick looks like becoming the 'hant'.

## INSIDE INFORMATION

By Mercury

Western Germany, conserving its own forests will compete keenly with Britain in the Scandinavian timber market, offering Marshall Aid dollars.

The Bonn Government, with Allied approval, will float a foreign loan to enable it to launch a building scheme for 250,000 houses.

Prince Charles, the Regent of Belgium, will announce his betrothal to Princess Marie Louise of Orleans and Braganza as soon as the crisis over King Leopold's return is settled.

The Jordan Government is planning to attract tourists from Europe and America. An Arab Tourist Agency will open in London next month.

Several military and economic conferences connected with Western Union defence have been postponed by the British Foreign Office till the Belgian crisis is over.

Two Russian battleships have been laid down at Archangel.

Eleven Soviet geologists have been decorated for striking oil fields East of the Volga.

The British Ministry of Food is accelerating its long-term policy of relying on Dominion meat supplies, and fears that the Argentine trade agreement may break down completely.

U. S. Air Force officers, despite official scepticism, are interviewing everyone who claims to have seen flying saucers.

The U. S. Government has proposed slashing transatlantic air fares. Britain will not support the proposed excursion rates, which would give U. S. mass traffic schemes an advantage.

Jordan is having a new currency printed by British firms and will shortly re-enter the sterling bloc.

West Germany is sending a trade delegation to Egypt.

hitherto an exclusive British market.

The U. S. Air Force will build three Arctic listening posts to intercept Soviet Air Force signals.

A group in Congress want Albert Einstein to appear before the un-American activities committee.

Greenwich time has been accepted as standard for all Western Union defence matters.

India, the first state in Asia to develop atomic energy, has just installed a cyclotron machine in Calcutta University's nuclear physics laboratory.

There is uranium ore in India, and heavy water can be produced in hot power stations.

Rhodesia is preparing its Western Union training bases for airmen near Bulawayo.

The Lebanon, planning the biggest airfield in Middle East at Beirut, has sent its Director of Civil Aviation to Britain for technical advice.

The Swiss Government will allow free sale of gold this summer by the Swiss National Bank. Swiss holdings of bullion per head of population are the highest in the world.

Three-year waiting lists for children's tonsil and adenoid operations have accumulated in some London hospitals.

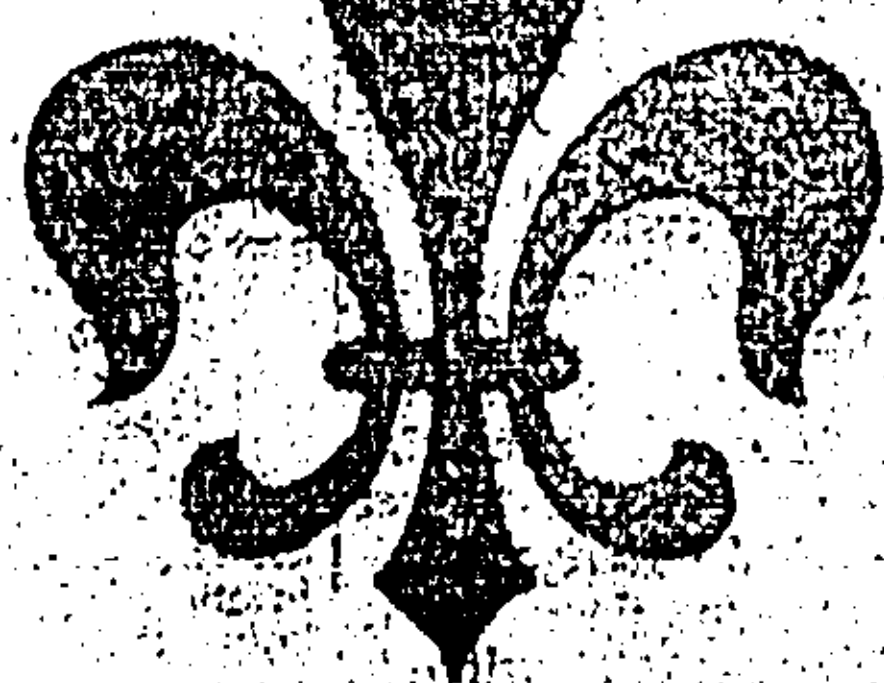
The U. S. aid programme for underdeveloped areas will give first priority to food production in India.

A secret official circular to foreign diplomats in London warns them of certain new regulations on their bank accounts. They may not pay in sums derived from commercial activities without the Bank of England and their own Government being informed. This will seal off sterling leakages, some due to the sale of motor-cars.



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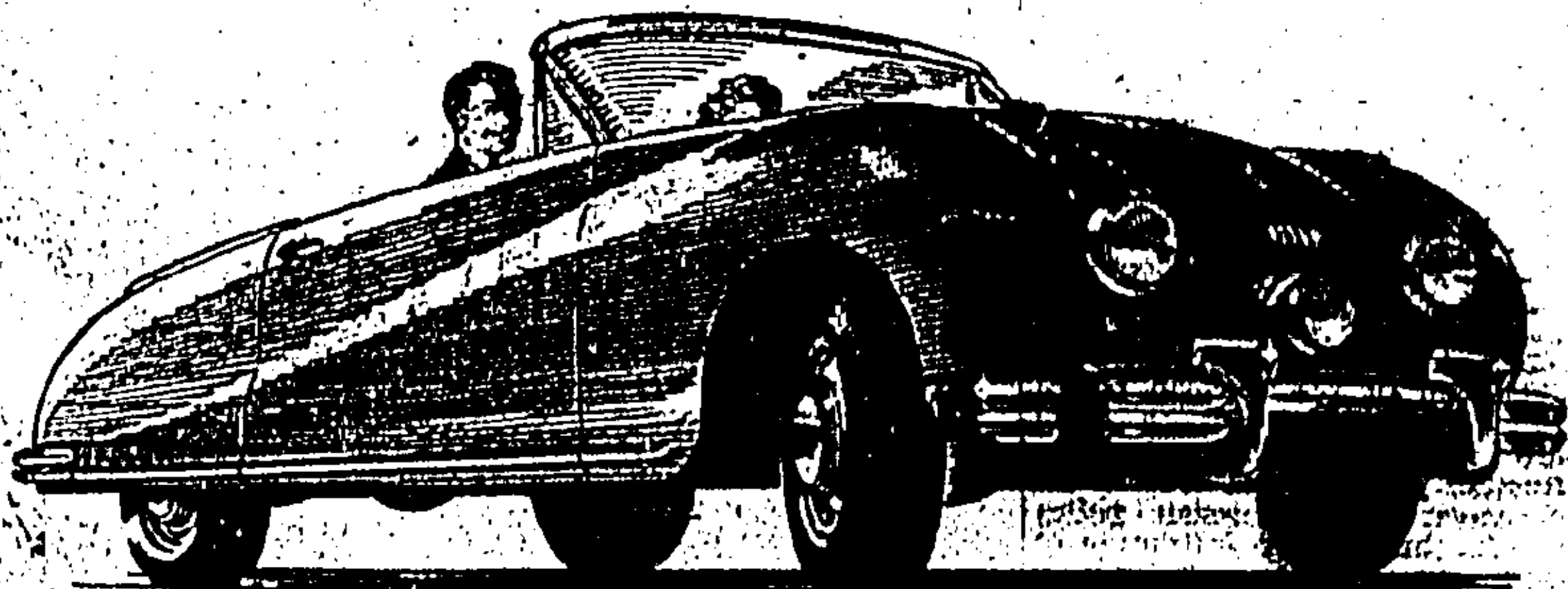
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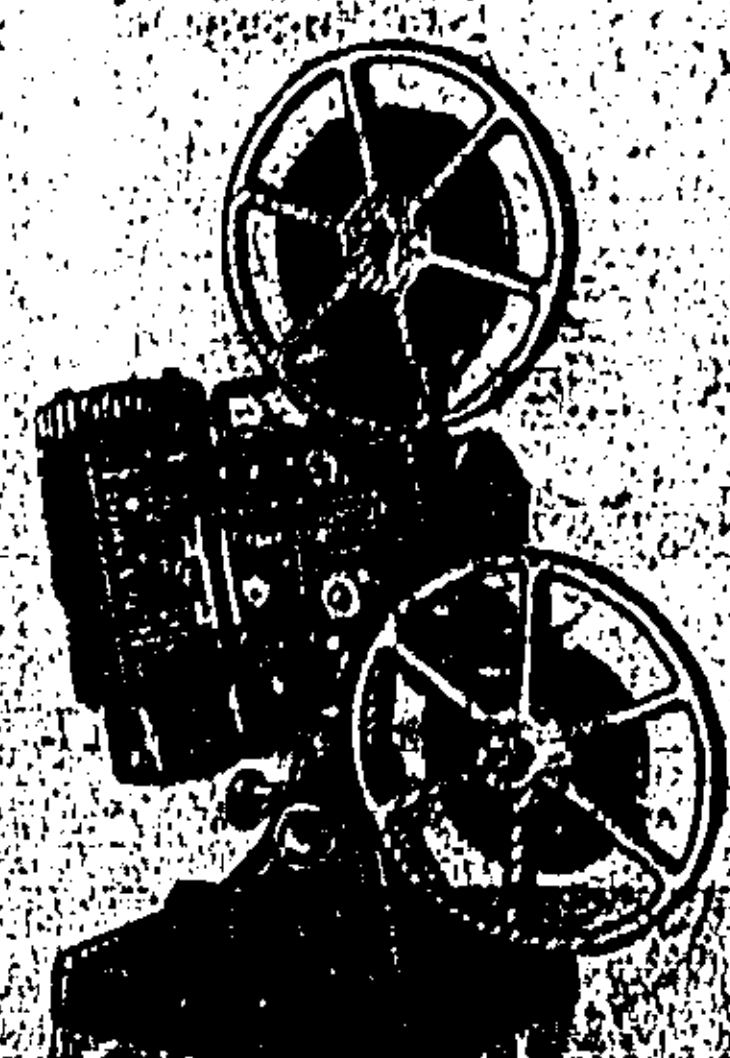


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### BLUNTLY SPEAKING

The Kremlin takes the view that it would be inconvenient to have a lot of Western diplomats in Peking, at least until their Governments have become as amenable to Stalin's pressure as they were in wartime. And those who lean to one side are afraid to have them in their midst for fear of the Soviet consequences. That is what matters have come to since that devotee of Marx and Lenin, the learned Mao Tse-tung, first came face to face with the great Georgian idealist known as the Man of Steel and recoiled from the shock of reality. Now even the Nationalists, marooned as they are on their sole territorial war gain, are applying to the People's Government the same epithet of puppet which they always used in referring to the Wang Ching-wai regime in Nanking under the Japanese!

The fact that Moscow didn't want a mobilisation of Western diplomats in Peking was a better reason for it than against it. Always provided, of course, that the People's Government itself wanted it. British recognition was meant to achieve two things: to provide some sort of protection for British traders against gross ill-usage in China, and to demonstrate that we were not ready to leave the diplomatic field wholly to the Kremlin by angry or craven default. So far the experiment has been a failure.

The British Charge d'Affaires has managed to get past the kaimeiti at the Foreign Office in Peking at two well-spaced intervals. He has been shunned by the Foreign Minister, and he has been given no opportunity to present his credentials to the nominal head of the Government. He sought to make representations about the plight of British commercial interests, but evidently in vain. These interests have told the Foreign Office in London that they are facing ruin as a result of Communist exactions and methods and of the Nationalist blockade. It is estimated that British firms have had to draw on their reserves to the extent of £160,000,000 to keep going in China.

Meanwhile relations in Peking remain in the "procedural" stage whereby the well-known Russian system of declensions is applied to Peking, which in turn applies it to the foreign residents who are virtual hostages, while Mr. Hutchison has to exercise all his charm upon the Embassy of a European Communist satellite to find out what the Peking Government's policy happens to be! A lot of people who didn't like this venture in diplomacy will respond to the situation with a hoarse laugh. Britain was ready to help the new regime to help itself, but there doesn't appear to be any of that sort of light left in it just now. It has gone all "goosey" with the spirit of internationalism as patented by the Kremlin. It excuses Russian pretensions by accusing the West, which, it says, "is not interested in investing money in China in order to develop joint production."

Well, well—that will be most useful as a quotation some day. Railways we built at 5 per cent returned 25 per cent profit annually to the Chinese Government, the famous Blue Express steel trains bought at a million pounds apiece for China from the United States by a British firm were never paid for, and billions of dollars have gone down the China drain without recompense or even the slightest sense of gratitude in the last few years! But behind all this Russian, this painful effort to excuse by accusing, lies a growing sense

## THE BOY RULER WAITS

Enthroned at Lhasa is a grave-faced, 16-year-old boy—supreme ruler of Asia's uncounted Buddhist millions. With the present Dalai Lama under their control, or with a new "reincarnation" installed at Lhasa, Mao Tse-tung's men could tighten their hold over China's 40,000,000 souls, extend the Iron Curtain to include all the Buddhists of Asia.

I am one of the few Britons ever to be received by the Dalai Lama. I have just returned from Lhasa. This I can report: Although the Dalai Lama's Tibetan subjects are monks, although his military strength is feeble, he will resist the Communist menace to the end. He will do his best to retain Tibet's traditional aloofness towards the affairs of the outside world.

To get to Lhasa I rode across the Himalayas on a mule. I am an electrical engineer employed by a British firm in India and I went to Lhasa to plan that lonely capital's first electricity system.

**Austerity Shangri-la**  
As the map shows, Lhasa is 350 miles from the Indian frontier post at Gantok. But it took me 21 days, averaging 20 miles a day, over steep, rocky passes. No wonder I lost 30lb. on the trip.

It was bitterly cold. The sun went down at three o'clock the afternoon. So I grew a beard, was mortified when it turned out to be grey and laughed myself sick one night in a lonely rest house when my five-valve receiver picked up Radio Ceylon playing: "When your hair has turned to silver."

Lhasa, 12,300 feet above sea level, is a sort of austerity Shangri-la. Once inside the ornamental West Gate you begin to realise what the phrase "outside world" really means. Low, square buildings, sprawl over the plain. Few have glass windows. Caravans of mules and yaks are constantly arriving. I saw only two cars.

The single motor vehicle—a jeep, inevitably—was in dock with starting trouble. There is no petrol here. There are no shops, we know them—only street stalls, mostly run by women.

The only drink is bitter Tibetan tea, laced with butter and soda. The Tibetan males drink between 50 and 60 cups a day. But the lamaseries, my temples are packed with treasure—gold and silver ornaments, statues, lamps and chalices.

**Reincarnated as mice**  
The golden pavilions of the Tsug-lhakang lamasery date back to A.D. 652. In its courtyards, pilgrims prostrate them-

selves and spin prayer wheels with wooden handles. Among the worshippers thousands of brown mice run everywhere unmolested. They are considered to be the reincarnations of former guardians of the shrine.

Brown-robed monks, wearing high, curved head-dresses, play nine-foot long horns, beat gongs. **By James E. Reid**

Before starting work I was to be received by the Dalai Lama. Asia's Buddhists really have two rulers—both boys. Senior is the Dalai Lama. But at Kumbum lamasery, in the Chinese province of Chinghai, is the 13-year-old Danchen Lama.

Both were selected for their strange destinies by missions of strict tests proved the hours of their humble birth. In response to the deaths of their predecessors. Both "reincarnations" are surrounded by Regents and advisers. Predecessor of the boy Panchen Lama fled to China following a dispute in 1927.

The Chinese Communists, experts in the "divide and rule" technique, aim to split Buddhist religious feelings by backing the Panchen Lama's claim to a return to Lhasa. Thus they will seek to excuse their march into Tibet.

We rode mules on the two-mile journey to the Dalai Lama's palace—a great citadel looming over the city from the top of a humped hill.

In the waiting-room, grave, shaven-headed monks handed us bowls of the inevitable Tibetan tea. Then I joined a line of people edging forward into the throne room attendants handed us ceremonial scarves.

I was asked to remove my spectacles. Apparently no person is allowed to appear before the Dalai Lama wearing appendages which might infer any degree of superiority. But in a few seconds I had a close-up view of His Holiness—a handsome youth with alert eyes.

I made my obeisance and the Dalai Lama smiled boyishly as he bent and placed it around my neck. Badly missing my glasses, I was terrified that I would bob

my head back at the wrong moment. I offered the traditional gifts, representing food and money. These were quickly removed by attendants.

Sitting on a lower throne, at right angles to the Dalai Lama, was his Regent. I went through a similar ceremony and then squatted on a rug on the floor near by. Monks brought in small bowls of rice—and more tea. After a general blessing by a senior abbot we backed out. My nobleman was delighted at my performance. As, with great relief, I replaced my spectacles, he whispered: "You passed with honours."

And the three-foot-long scarf of simple red silk will always be one of my most cherished souvenirs of a strangely moving experience. Now I was free to make the acquaintance of the loneliest European community in the world—all four of them.

A fellow Scot, Hugh E. Richardson, the British Agent, returned to India soon after my departure. But I soon got to know 50-year-old Reginald Fox, M.B.E., who has become known as the "Voice of Lhasa" because of his broadcasts calling attention to Tibet's danger.

He is the Tibetan Government's radio expert, has been in Tibet since 1930, speaks the language fluently, has a Tibetan wife and four children. **P.O.W.s find sanctuary**

In the bedroom of his simple three-roomed house I saw his famous radio transmitter. The other two Europeans in Lhasa are both Germans—former prisoners of war who escaped from camps in India in 1945.

Peter Aufschneider is an irrigation engineer and Henry Harrer, secretary to the Minister for External Affairs. They arrived, exhausted, in Tibet after an amazing march over the Himalayas. The Tibetans gave them sanctuary.

There is a strange plight. Since the Communist victories in China their only route out of Tibet is through India—and they do not know how the Indian authorities would react to them. And Harrer has a wife and child in Germany.

I found them very pleasant fellows, without bitterness. "Would you go back?" Yes, I would. I am 10 times keener about Tibet than before I first set out. It is the most enthralling country I have ever seen.

And I have learned to understand and admire the soft-speaking, friendly, courteous, hospitable people.

## Hungry Asia

By J. L. Hays

The Asiatic "man-in-the-jungle" is a hungry man. The West can win him—out-bid the Communists for him—only by feeding him.

The Communist problem in South East Asia is predominantly an economic one. There is no purely military solution. Such an authority as Lord Boyd-Orr, former Director-General of the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation, has stated: "Shortage of food is responsible for the spread of Communism in Asia."

The desperate, hungry, depressed Asiatic masses need little persuasion that Communism can answer their desire to be free of both foreign political and economic domination, from their traditional poverty and ignorance. Expert propagandists have little difficulty in presenting their creed as a fairland in which intensive industrialisation will speedily bring economic well-being and progress—without the back-breaking "gradualism" of training and apprenticeship urged by the West.

**Eager**  
The Asiatic is hot with new nationalism, eager for progress. But he is apt to turn aside from training routine, to spurn advice. He seeks to become a specialist without training, an administrator without the knowledge which supports authority.

The magic wand of Communism beckons to short cuts, easy ways. And there is no use talking to him of "Communist enslavement," or "Communist chaos." He already knows the social conditions associated with formal slavery; is, probably, already the victim of the fears and uncertainties of administrative chaos. Exploiting the prevailing misery, the Russians have three long-term strategic objectives in South East Asia:

1. Communications: Communist control of the "fall" of Asia will all but cut the world in halves along a line stretching 6500 miles from the Arctic Circle to the warmer waters of the South China Sea and the Pacific Ocean. Regular Imperial air-sea communications will be throttled. Australia and New Zealand will have to look East, across 8000 miles of the Pacific to the U.S. for aid should further Communist expansion follow.

2. Rice: Control of the Asian "rice bowl," of such rice-producing countries as Siam, will present the Communists with "life or death" power over 800,000,000 people in all, under rigid Kremlin control.

3. Raw materials: The Soviet Union realised clearly in the war years the difficulties of the Western allies when deprived of South East Asia's rubber, tin, oil and other strategic raw materials—then controlled by the Japanese. Communist control of South East Asia (Indonesia alone produced, prior to 1937, 37 per cent of the world's rubber; 27 per cent, copra; 25 per cent, palm oil; 15 per cent, tin) will seriously—if not fatally—weakens the West's cold war defensive capacity.

Western defensive plans are handicapped by the absence of any common denominator in South East Asia, except, perhaps, that of poverty. Religions, political systems, social characters, differ widely.

**Shortage**  
Then there is a drastic shortage of trained administrators and technicians: a complete absence of the solid administrative framework on which the Marshall Plan is based in Europe. In every land, the West must be prepared to meet the chal-

lenge of a "Peoples' Liberation Army" organised on Kremlin blue-prints.

Until recently, too, the Americans—so actually alive to the Communist danger elsewhere in the world—were slow to recognise the importance of holding South East Asia. Too frequently did they permit their "dated" distrust of "British Imperialism" and European colonial systems to cloud their judgment.

Even now there are serious divisions between the Western Powers in the Far East and between the Commonwealth nations. British recognition of Communist China, for example, is not widely approved. America shows no sign of following suit. India's attitude towards the French-sponsored Bao Dai "experiment" in Indo-China is, to say the least, cool.

Nevertheless, some progress has been made. Britain, which has already assisted Asiatic countries to the tune of £750 million (nearly equal to the total of dollar "Marshall Aid she has received), has clearly expressed her determination to hold Hong Kong and Malaya—come what may. America and Britain support Dutch and French efforts to put democratic regimes on a working basis in Indonesia and Indo-China. The harassed Burmese administration is receiving British Commonwealth financial support.

**Responsible**  
At Colombo, recently, the Commonwealth nations accepted joint economic responsibility in South East Asia through a Commonwealth committee to be established at Canberra.

Following a conference at Bangkok of American diplomatic representatives in 14 Asiatic countries, the State Department announced American military and economic responsibility for occupied Japan and the Philippines. And although the U.S. accepts no direct responsibility for areas most closely considered by the Commonwealth, this is willing to offer economic help when an effective plan has been drawn up.

So a beginning has been made. But only a beginning. New necessary measures surely include four "musts":

1. The Commonwealth overall economic aid plan, covering capital equipment, irrigation and communications, must be drawn up as quickly as possible by a committee permanently located at Canberra until its full implementation.

2. A Western joint staff must be recruited immediately with headquarters in Hong Kong or Tokyo, briefed on the preparation of a collective defence system and on the constant exchange of intelligence.

3. A Pacific Pact on the lines of the Atlantic Pact must be drawn up (with, if necessary, only Britain, the interested Commonwealth nations, the U.S., France and the Netherlands participating) and based on a definite Western defensive line in South East Asia.

4. Western diplomats of defensive must drive home among the chauvinistic Asiatic leaders the continued or original necessity for Western capital investment and military guidance which will alone guarantee the successful employment of the financial aid envisaged.

And, most important of all, Western freedom-loving nations must face up to the dangers in the East, must remember there is a grim, hard, anti-Communist struggle in South East Asia, as well as in Europe, and that, where it is the world.

For the ugly truth is that their sacrifices, all their recovery efforts, all financial aid given or received may well come to naught unless South East Asia is held for freedom.

## Germany and the West

Dr. Adenauer, the Chancellor of Western Germany, has once again expressed his desire for some kind of Franco-German union.

of discomfiture and unhappiness, even among the most devoted zealots. And among the people, whose spirit but yesterday welled up in genuine and hopeful enthusiasm, emotions have passed to unpopularity and are moving toward an impotent hostility mingled with fear.

We have more than once stressed the unparalleled tempo of the vast tides of change in Asia, where the spectacular historical transactions of long centuries are telescoped into decades or even years. No conquest of China was ever achieved so swiftly as that of the Japanese. They did it in a few years what it took the Mongols seventy years to do. And no conquerors of China were ever undone so swiftly. In a single year the Communists overran Manchuria and China from Changchun to Canton and Chengtu. It took the Nationalists two decades to get from Canton to Changchun.

When change does come again in China—as it will—it will move just as swiftly, though the period of gestation may be longer than some, and shorter than others, imagine. The Chinese people will never be content to exchange Soviet scorpions for Japanese whips. They have no option at present but to bend their backs to the storm. In discipline and work, and in the constructive labours against hostile nature—about which there was so much talk and so little action in the past—the episode will not be without compensations. It will be a great boon, for example, when the great schemes recommended by the Chihli River Commission of British and other experts a generation ago, are actually carried out. But this may prove the sole consolation of another of the many episodes in China's history, but unfulfilled aim to be mistress of her own destiny.

There seems no reason to doubt his sincerity; though one might think higher of his statesmanship if he had not so recently alarmed the French by his attitude about the Saar.

It is obvious that Western Europe, if it is to hold up its head, whether in the sphere of economics or in that of defence, cannot afford permanent Franco-German antagonism. The two nations ought to realise that and shape their outlooks accordingly.

But the Germans must show more than vague good will, more even than abstinence from the useless and mischievous picking of quarrels, as over the Saar. They must accept the conditions for a practical plan. And the first of these is that it should not be a Franco-German but West European.

Concomitantly as well as militarily, Western Germany is at present too formidable a partner for France alone. Both the French and the Germans know it, and the fact that the Germans know it renders approaches like Dr. Adenauer's not unjustly suspect to the French.

Now the qualification "at present" allows must be made for a possible new factor. The years following the war growth in France's population brought high birth-rates in all the West European countries, even in one like Germany where acute housing shortage and other hardships might have been expected to sway the balance the other way.

Generally speaking, this has been a temporary phenomenon. But it may be otherwise in France. There the Legislature has taken the population question very seriously, and has developed children's allowances on a scale far beyond anything attempted elsewhere. Though it is too early to be certain, it looks as though the system may be succeeding, and France for the first time in the past century, and a half may resume her old place as a fast-growing people. Many difficulties might be eased if she did.

Meanwhile, there are practical things which Western Germany can do. One is to place beyond doubt her readiness to accept membership of the Council of Europe. Nothing could be more desirable. The mark has for her to fancy that the vastness of this as a bargaining point, whether for the Saar or for any other detail of policy. Great Britain and France both want her in, but they are certainly not going to give her to them without it. It is a conviction that the Western Government will not be content to let her go without it.

had much better stay out. She would then have made the great refusal, but at least we should know where we all stood.

Suppose that rock avoided, and the ship moving forward, what are the other practical things? First, perhaps, commercial agreements of the ordinary type. There has been a tendency, encouraged by the Americans, to underrate the difficulties of the economic union in Europe. How great they are is well illustrated by Benelux.

The economic union of Belgium and Holland was agreed in principle before the end of the war, but its realisation had to be deferred to a date in the then near future. It is still deferred, and as the difficulties of the obstacles have steadily increased, not diminished.

If this has proved so with two relatively small neighbouring countries, with fewer stumbling-blocks than most, how much more must we expect it of nations on the scale of Western Germany, Great Britain, France and Italy?

Must not the first step at all events, be to lessen the number of stumbling-blocks by negotiating commercial treaties? We need not lose sight of the longer aim; but equally we should not let the best block the path to the good.

Secondly, there are political ways in which Western Germany may build up a closer association with Western Europe. Everything which tends to confirm and develop democratic institutions within Germany tends also to connect her with her democratic neighbours.

It is regrettable, but inevitable, that at present such developments cannot extend to Eastern Germany, and to some extent, their effect must be to emphasise the dissection of the German people. But for that the Western Allies are not responsible. It was Russian policy which created the cleavage; it is Russian policy which, through the institution of the Iron Curtain, persistently deepens it.

Let us not underrate the distance which even Western Germany must travel, before it becomes a democracy at heart. Hohenzollern Germany—the last really stable regime that the country has known—made the approach to being such, and the would-be democratic regimes that filled the German stage between William II and Hitler did less than nothing to strengthen belief in Western methods. Such a belief has still in the main to be created.



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## ITALIANS FEAR TITO COUP IN TRIESTE, ASK FOR U.N. HELP

Trieste, April 7.

Thousands of Italians in the Anglo-American zone of Trieste today signed a petition demanding United Nations help to prevent Marshal Tito from annexing the Trieste zone occupied by Yugoslavia.

The petition claimed that the Belgrade Government planned to regard the elections to be held in the Yugoslav zone next week as a plebiscite in favour of incorporation with Yugoslavia's Federated Republic of Slovenia.

The petition appealed to the Italian Government to ask the United Nations, of which Italy is not a member, to hold a referendum in the entire Free Territory of Trieste.

Sponsors of the petition claimed that the vast majority of the population of the two zones would vote for union with Italy.

They added that the conditions under which the elections will be held in the Yugoslav zone on April 10 guaranteed that no anti-Tito votes would be made.

Trieste has been divided since, in the closing stages of the war in Italy, General William Morgan, Commander of the Allied Forces, and General Jovanovic, commanding the Yugoslav troops, split the area into two parts.

The Northern zone, containing the city of Trieste itself, went to the Allies; the Southern to the Yugoslavs.

### Separate entities

The subsequent peace treaty with Italy stipulated that a United Free Territory should be established under the administration of a Governor appointed by the United Nations. But no Governor has yet been appointed and the two zones continue to function as separate entities.

Meanwhile, it is reported from Rome that the Italian Foreign

Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, is expected to make a final appeal tomorrow to Marshal Tito to negotiate a settlement of the problem of Trieste.

It was believed that in a major policy speech in Milan tomorrow morning Count Sforza will suggest machinery to prevent the "coup" which the Italians suspect Yugoslavia may be planning in her zone of the Trieste Free Territory.

His George Allen, who was reported to have intended seeking a compromise between Italy and Yugoslavia.

Belgrade reports of the Ambassador's plan to come to Rome strengthened the belief in some unofficial political circles that the Western Allies were preparing to "trade" the Yugoslav zone of Trieste to Marshal Tito.

### Tito's price

These circles claimed the zone was Marshal Tito's price for a Yugoslav co-operation in an American-backed line-up against the Soviet Union of Eastern Mediterranean countries.

It was believed that Count Sforza will tomorrow insist that at no time in four years of Italian rule in Trieste has the Yugoslav zone been considered anything but predominantly Italian.

He is expected to repeat Italy's previous protests against Yugoslav action tending to divorce the zone from the neighbouring Italian zone.

It was also believed that Sforza will insist that the Yugoslav zone, with its 100,000 inhabitants, should eventually be a single free territory under United Nations rule.

Since failure among the Big Powers to agree on a Governor of the Free Territory, the Belgrade Government has introduced the Yugoslav dinar as the zone's currency.

The Yugoslav Union, has evicted many Italians from the land, their homes and their jobs and has shown a continuing desire to annex the zone to the federative Republic of Slovenia.

A leading source tonight in the "Free Republic" believed closely to reflect Count Sforza's views, insisted on the importance of the joint American-British and French declaration two years ago that in view of the still-birth of the projected Free Territory, both zones should be returned to Italy.

"This declaration will be another card in Italy's hand, if and when negotiations start," the newspaper said. —Reuter.

Ruth Khama near breakdown

Sorowe, Bechuanaland, April 7.

Ruth Khama, seven months pregnant and 300 miles from her husband, was reported to be near a nervous breakdown today.

Friends of the white stenographer from London who married a negro tribal chieftain, Seretse Khama, went home with him to the bushlands of Southern Africa and became a storm centre of the British Commonwealth.

It was said: "This world seems to be falling in on her."

Seretse, forbidden by the British Labour Government to rejoin his tribe, could not get into Sorowe. Ruth could not get out. She said, "My doctor advised me not to travel." Friends said they feared she was near a breakdown. —United Press.

WALTER HUSTON DIES AT 66

Hollywood, April 7.

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## CALL FOR A UNITED GERMANY

Bonn, April 6.

Dr. Kurt Schumacher, the Western German Socialist leader, today called for a united Germany as a condition for a prosperous and peaceful Europe.

The Social Democrat leader declared: "Germany's efforts will not be slackened with a view to the realisation of the aim of enabling a Constitution and a Government to be formed in Berlin."

The first step towards German unity must be democratic general elections.

A National Assembly so elected should at once take over the duties of a Parliament, besides producing a Constitution and a Government should be formed in Berlin.

He alleged that the Communists only wanted elections after other parties had been weakened and had lost Germany through cooperating with them.

Dr. Schumacher attacked "those who insist upon the division of Germany as a condition for her participation in a united Europe."

They were interested not in Europe but in obtaining a privileged position for their own country.

"In this respect," Dr. Schumacher declared, "the handling of the Saar question is very significant and has great influence in deciding Social Democrat policy."

The official Social Democrat attitude to the Saar, as expressed by Dr. Schumacher earlier this week, is that Western Germany should refuse to join the Council of Europe as an associate member as long as the Saar is also an associate member.

The Social Democrat Party has condemned strongly the Saar's agreement with France, regulating her relations with that country until a modern German peace treaty was signed. —Reuter.

Comment on Canberra conference

Manila, April 6.

The forthcoming British Commonwealth conference at Canberra may bring drastic changes in the plans for a non-Communist union of South East Asia, the "Manila Times" suggested today.

The political correspondent of the paper, under the heading: "Canberra Meeting May Wreck Project," said foreign affairs and diplomatic sources at Baguio—the Philippines site chosen for a union conference—believed that "the original concept of a non-Communist, non-military South East Asia union may suffer drastic changes in the face of foreseeable Commonwealth policies from Canberra."

The policy of self-help, mutual help, and foreign military assistance was opposed to this concept, he said. The Philippines Government would not call a conference of the countries interested in the formation of such a union until after the Commonwealth meeting, due at Canberra in May, the writer added.

"Foreign Office observers have expressed fears that the Policies of the Governments participating in the Canberra meeting, notably Australia and New Zealand, Pakistan, Ceylon and even Britain and Canada, are vital to the forthcoming Baguio conference and they even overrode the policies of the rest of the South East Asia union members, who constitute a minority," the correspondent added. —Reuter.

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## U.S. warns South Korea on ECA aid continuance

Washington, April 7.

The United States, in unusually harsh words to a friendly nation, has told South Korea to straighten out its economy and hold national elections in May. If it does not, the United States said, South Korea risks the loss of American dollars to help it back to recovery.

The cold directives were given to South Korea both by the State Department and the Economic Co-operation Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman.

The State Department's warning was in an aide memoire to the Korean Ambassador, John Chang. Mr. Hoffman's was in a letter to the Korean Prime Minister, Lee Bum Suk.

Mr. Hoffman's letter was dated March 23. He raised the question of whether the ECA should go ahead with its programme to give South Korea \$100,000,000 during the fiscal year 1950-51. "Unless I am convinced that forthright immediate effort will be made to control inflation,"

Mr. Hoffman wrote, "it is a foregone conclusion that unless tax revenues are sharply increased and expenditures are drastically reduced prices will continue to rise, probably at an accelerating rate. It is my real fear that a point will be reached in the not too distant future where our aid would make no further contribution to the welfare of the people of the Republic of Korea."

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## Conference on military efficiency

London, April 6.

Senior military officers of the Commonwealth nations will open a secret conference here on April 17 to discuss how the efficiency, health and comfort of their national armies can be improved, whether fighting in Arctic snow, equatorial deserts or tropical jungles.

Britain, Australia, Canada, Ceylon, India, New Zealand, Pakistan and South Africa will be represented at the three-week conference, and United States observers will attend.

Described as a conference on equipment and stores standardisation, it will hear about 100 papers from experts on all the scientific and military aspects of equipping the modern soldier.

The widely differing Commonwealth national armies are expected to have more in common as a result of the talks.

On the principle that the efficiency of an army is no higher than the efficiency of the individual soldier, it is recognised that he cannot fight well if his clothing is not suited to the climate.

This conference will therefore concentrate on what the different climates call for in the way of clothing.

The conference had its origin in Delhi in 1946, when the problems of equipment and stores were discussed for the first time on a Commonwealth basis.

There was a further conference in the following year in London. The conference is being held under the auspices of the Commonwealth Joint Services Committee and will be presided over by Major General N. V. Watson, the Deputy Quartermaster General of the British Army.

The delegates will report back to their respective General Headquarters any recommendations that the conference has to make.

—Reuter.

Argument rejected

The State Department's note sharply rejected the Korean Government's argument that inflation is not threatening. The note said the situation was bad that Mr. John H. Moore, U.S. Ambassador to South Korea, will be recalled to Washington to consult on the inflation problem.

The United States seldom uses such harsh language in diplomatic communications and almost never such language to a friendly nation.

However, the State Department press spokesman, Michael McDermott, said the United States does not consider the note as an ultimatum.

The U.S. note recalled to observers here action taken by the United States recently in Greece. The American Ambassador, Henry Grady, told the Greek Government that unless it takes action to curb inflation, U.S. aid might be cut.

The State Department note said Korea's contention that no inflation problem exists "indicates a lack of comprehension on the part of the Korean Government of the seriousness of the problem and unwillingness to take drastic measures required to curb the growing inflation."

"It is the judgement of this Government that the financial situation in Korea has already reached critical proportions and unless this progressive inflation is curbed in the not too distant future, it cannot but seriously impair Korea's ability to utilise effectively economic assistance provided by the ECA."

"The Secretary of State must inform His Excellency that unless the Korean Government is able to take satisfactory and effective measures to counter these inflationary forces, it will be necessary to re-examine and perhaps to make adjustments in ECA assistance programme in Korea."

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Fabian of the Yard--No. 21:

# AN ARABIC OATH BETRAYED A GUNMAN

"Why—it's a gun!" whispered the jeweller. His breakfast suddenly felt like a slab of concrete in his stomach. The broad-shouldered young man who had thrust his way in from Oxford Street's crowded and sunlit pavements, did indeed hold a black pistol in his big fingers. Its muzzle turned like an eyeless socket, this way and that about the shop, stiffened two assistants as though by some paralysing ray, then stopped at the manager's soft-filled waistcoat.

"Get into that back room," ordered the young man with the gun.

There was no anger in his voice, no snarl of assumed toughness. He spoke blandly. But the plump little jeweller felt that beneath such a voice, behind such bleak eyes lay a stolid indifference about whether he and his two frock-coated assistants lived another five seconds—or died.

With a tiny sob of fear, the jeweller permitted himself to be pushed into the store-room—and stumbled across the bodies of his two assistants, who had been thrust so violently that each had toppled half-stunned to the floor.

The door clicked behind them. Alone in the shop the burly young man stuffed gold watches, gold cigarette-cases, a handful of bling-jewelled rings, into his pockets.

## He made crime history

The jeweller and his assistants began to pound at the flimsy wooden door.

The visitor hesitated—then slid the gun lovingly inside his jacket, strode into the bright September noonday of Oxford Street, where the world hurried to its lunch. Nobody stopped him, nobody even glanced at him.

So in that first week of September, 1932, Rudolph Franklyn made criminal history. He became the first armed robber to hold up a West End jeweller's shop in broad daylight and walk away unscathed with a fortune in his pocket.

Further down Oxford Street an old match-seller plucked at his jacket-sleeve. "Buy a box of matches, sir?" Rudolph Franklyn spat a foreign obscenity at him, hustled on towards Marble Arch.

Rudolph Franklyn believed in guns as other men believe in prayer. During the first World War he had been a morose lad of

18. In the front-line mud he discovered that a brass-shod knife-pointed rifle could become a sceptre of power.

After the war Rudolph Franklyn joined the Palestine Police. It was a good life for the first few years. They made him a corporal. He cleaned his rifle, polished each cartridge, was the only man in Haifa barracks who sharpened his bright bayonet blade all the way up for a chef's kitchen-knife.

By 1932 Rudolph Franklyn was sent home.

He was a tall, muscular man with creases down his cheeks, fierce as tribal scars. He was not

By Superintendent Robert Fabian

popular but his comrades gave him a farewell in the corporals' mess. "What now, Rudy? Have you a job to go to?"

Franklyn took a throatful of whisky. "Let me tell you some history," he said. "The ancient Britons and the Vikings raided villages when they wanted food and gold. It's the way of Nature, always has been. The strong take from the weak, and the weak perish." He grinned contemptuously. "Work? I'll get by, you see."

Here he was, less than a month later, his pockets sagging with loot, and 300 yards behind him the weak were warily opening a splintered wooden door.

## No clues

He had left no clues. The jewellers glimpsed his face only for a moment. Nobody appeared to have seen him leave the shop.

"He was a big man—savagelooking," the jeweller told me, 10 minutes after the robbery. "He walked in with sunlight behind him. We saw the gun..."

The three men from the shop came with me to Scotland Yard, scanned rows of photo albums in vain. Officers of the Fingerprint Bureau searched the shop, its doorway, counters and jewel trays. Not a clue.

"Make out a list of what has been stolen," I told the jeweller. "Describe each article carefully and we'll get it circulated to all pawnbrokers and dealers."

I went out into Oxford Street to try to see the robbery through the eyes of the thief.

He had picked that particular shop—why? Had he inspected other jeweller's shops in Oxford Street first? I visited the others. They had seen no big man loitering.

What else, then? Well, there are a lot of policemen in Oxford Street. None had been near the raided shop when the thief entered, or when he departed. He had obviously picked his time carefully.

And that was his undoing. For he did not realise there are two worlds in Oxford Street. Firstly, the normal throng and jostle of passers-by and traffic. Then, like wick through a candle, an inner population of gutter musicians, beggars, kerb salesmen. They slide at the approach of uniformed constables—the "Button Mob" they call them.

But when the Law has tramped majestically past, these giddlers, croakers and run-outs seethe in the constabulary wake like foam behind a ship.

They live on the fringe of the underworld. They are quick of eye, alert as monkeys. But they can be good-hearted. I would not describe them as the worst of London's citizens. They would not shield a gunman.

So I walked softly into a little group surrounding "Empty Kettle Charlie," who held aloft a glittering watch and bawled: "There you are, ladies and gentlemen!" He dangled it invitingly. "Who's the lucky person to buy one? I will set this watch by Stridger's clock here, and it has lost or gained one second by this time tomorrow, I will pay £3 to charity!"

George had the first clue

His assistant "Jimmy the Gee," who was mingling with the crowd, called: "Look here, my friend—I'll have one!" I laid a solid hand upon the smooth-black cloth of Jimmy's morning-coat and murmured: "Don't be too rash, Jimmy—I understand those watches have no work in them." He turned and blushed. "Oh, hullo, guy, no?" he said sadly.

I asked if he had seen anything. Not our team, guy," said Jimmy the Gee, brightening. "We was busy grafting (working). But I did hear that old George Key, the Match-seller, spotted something."

It took two days to locate old George Key. I found him in one of those does-houses where men could sit on a wooden bench and sleep leaning on a rope stretched across the room—for tuppence. I took him for a cup of coffee, a plate of eggs and bacon. George slipped the coffee but eyed the bacon thoughtfully.

"No thanks, guy," he decided. "I got a delikst stummick." Some-

body had given him five shillings, and George had mixed a quart of cheap red wine with a quart of blue methylated spirits. It was a miracle he was alive.

I asked him what he had seen. "I seen a big geezer hanging around the doorway," he said. "He was peeping in the shop, then up and down the street. A bit later he rushed past me and when I touched his sleeve he cursed me in Arabic. His jacket pockets bulged and clinked."

"How did you know it was Arabic?"

Old George grinned. "Blimey—I know all the cusswords there is!" He did, too.

"What sort of a suit did he wear?"

The old match-seller pondered. "Well, it looked like raincoat cloth."

That gave me two interesting clues. The thief's suit was tropical cloth, and he could swear in Arabic.

Trailed—by his gossip

I spent the next few days visiting every pawnshop near the lodging-house districts, railway stations, and the sort of places where stolen property is trafficked in.

"No, wait a minute," said one man. "I never seen this gear (stolen property) myself, mind you—but there was talk in 'The Glue Pot' about somebody trying to fix a gold cigarette-case."

I went to "The Glue Pot."

"I remember," said the barman. "I tried to sell a cigarette-case with a map of the world on it. Told us he used to be in the Palestine Police and brought it home with him."

Such a cigarette-case was among the stolen goods.

"Has he been in before?"

The barman shook his head. "Is there anything you can tell me about him?"

The barman wiped his hands. "Well—he was very sunburned—and he wasn't in England for a long time. He was in the Palestine Police. I remember he said he got the result by helicopter over nearly 90 miles... Solenoid won at 33-1."

"Go on," I said. The barman thought harder. "He grumbled about travelling by train on August Bank Holiday—didn't say where he'd been, though."

It was good enough. I went to the London office of the Palestine Police. "Can you show me your list of men discharged between July 20 and August 1, please?"

They had four discharged men. One had been given a ticket to Glasgow, another to a district of Northern Ireland. Two were Londoners. Of these, one was tall. His name was Rudolph Franklyn, height 6ft. 1 inch, weight 13½ stone. No address.

"Where's his next-of-kin?"

"No next-of-kin on our records. Just a minute—we sent him a registered packet on August 17. It was balance of pay from Palestine. But we didn't keep a record of the address."

"Where did you post it?"

The official told me: Parliament Street Post Office. I went there. We consulted the carbon copies of receipts for posted registered packets. On August 17, to—Rudolph, Franklyn, Gloucester Road, N.W.

At 10 a.m. on October 4, 1932, with Detective-officer Alfred Wyatt (now first-class detective-sergeant), I called at the house.

The landlady answered the door in a shocked way. "Mr. Franklyn?"

Yes, he's in the paragon. "You want to see him?"

"No," I said cheerfully. "We'll go right up. We're friends of his."

But when I turned the knob of Franklyn's door gently, and pushed, it would not yield. It was locked, and that was a dangerous sign with a gunman.

We went downstairs. "Will you tap on Mr. Franklyn's door and tell him there's a registered letter from the Palestine Police Office for him?"

He stared. "Cops, eh? I thought you said you were friends of his!" But he did as we asked.

There was a moment's pause, a scuffling. A deep voice growled: "Just a blasted minute, can't you?" Then the door was flung open and a big, powerfully-built man stood toiled with sleep. We grabbed him. Under his pillow was a beautifully-kept automatic pistol, with a silencer screwed to its short muzzle.

Franklyn was found guilty at the Old Bailey of armed robbery. Before he was sentenced, he said: "The ancient Britons plundered when they were poor and hungry. It's a matter of Nature. What else can a man do? You can't beg in the streets if you have pride!"

He was delivering his jungle code.

The judge, the late Sir Ernest Wild, gave him the answer of civilization.

"The savagery of our ancestors is no excuse for savage conduct today. Theft is not the alternative to starvation. A man too proud to beg should be too proud to steal."

Franklyn received three years' penal servitude and 20 strokes of the birch.

# Peril grows in Malaya

By Lachie McDonald

A groan went up from Britons in the Malayan Peninsula—and a nervous snigger from the Chinese—when they read the answers of Mr. Dugdale, Minister of State for the Colonies, to Commons questions about increased terrorist activity, and his talk of "final requirements of the military" in Malaya.

Mr. Dugdale, it seems, "saw no reason to connect the increased terrorist activity in Malaya with the British recognition of 'Red China'." Also, "there is no connection between Chinese Communism and banditry in Malaya."

His other statement, as received in Kuala Lumpur, was that the British Government was satisfied that the dispatch of Gurkhas from Hong Kong and aircraft from Britain would be the final requirements.

It is impossible to estimate the damage these suggestions of ignorance have done to the British position in Malaya, which is more precarious than at any time since the Japanese invasion.

## Misleading words

It may be expedient politically to keep the British public in the dark, but London cannot expect to win the spot (in more ways than one) to swallow words they know misrepresent the Malayan situation.

Mr. Dugdale should be challenged to seek, then to publish in full to the Commons, the contents on his above statements obtainable from such a mixed bag of Malayan opinion as:

Malcolm MacDonald, Commissioner-General for South-East Asia; Sir Henry Gurney, High Commissioner of the Federation of Malaya; E. D. Shearn, the lawyer-president of the Malayan Association; H. Facer, of the United Planting Association of Malaya; D. T. Waring, one of the tin-mining leaders; and Khoo Tek Se, a prominent Chinese already decorated by Britain's Socialist Government.

Let him also ask any one of Malaya's 1,300 European planters and 600 European tin miners.

On Dugdale's declaration that there is no link between Chinese Communism and banditry in Malaya, opinions from the following would be most revealing:

Sir Edward Thompson, British Ambassador to Siam, which is now facing the Chinese problem; John Brazier, a British Socialist Party stalwart, now Trades Union Adviser to Malaya; the British Political Adviser to the Hong Kong Government; any British official in Malaya; and the monitors of Peking broadcasts to Malaya.

Asked by the Colonial Office,

these people would give the frankest views which, for a variety of reasons, they hesitate to give to correspondents for publication over their names.

## Compromise fear

The situation in Malaya is too serious for a Minister to bury his head in political ambiguities; that kind of thing can only mislead more bodies to bury in Malaya.

The British cannot hope to win back the confidence of the bulk of the Chinese in Malaya with obvious half-truths to give Dugdale's replies a most charitable label. And without this Chinese support we cannot win in Malaya.

The Chinese have been confused and uncertain ever since Britain recognised 'Red China'; now they are even more jittery about Britain's intentions.

The fear some compromise likely to leave them to the revenge of the Chinese Communists now in the jungle, who certainly will govern by the gun if we weaken or withdraw.

Leaders of all races in Malaya give this pre-British advice:

(1) Mr. Attlee should make an early and firm statement that Britain is fully aware of the Communist infiltrations in South East Asia and the Far East; (2) That despite this, Britain is determined to remain in the Malayan Peninsula in the present partnership with the Malay States for at least 20 years (which is the period that Malay and Chinese leaders say privately is required before Malaya can govern itself).

## Aids this man

Last April Mr. Attlee, after pressure from the Governments of Singapore Colony and the Federation of Malaya, said Britain "does not intend to relinquish her responsibilities in Malaya until the task is completed." There will be no premature withdrawal.

Something more definite is needed today. There is another thing the Malays are awaiting impatiently. This is the report from the Colonial office Mission from Britain, which recently investigated the problems of the Malayan Police.

Throughout Malaya the feeling grows that Federation Police Commissioner W. N. Gray has been saddled with too much work and responsibility.

The Army cannot take action except by police decision. Gray should be made more of a policeman than a general. That might speed the campaign.



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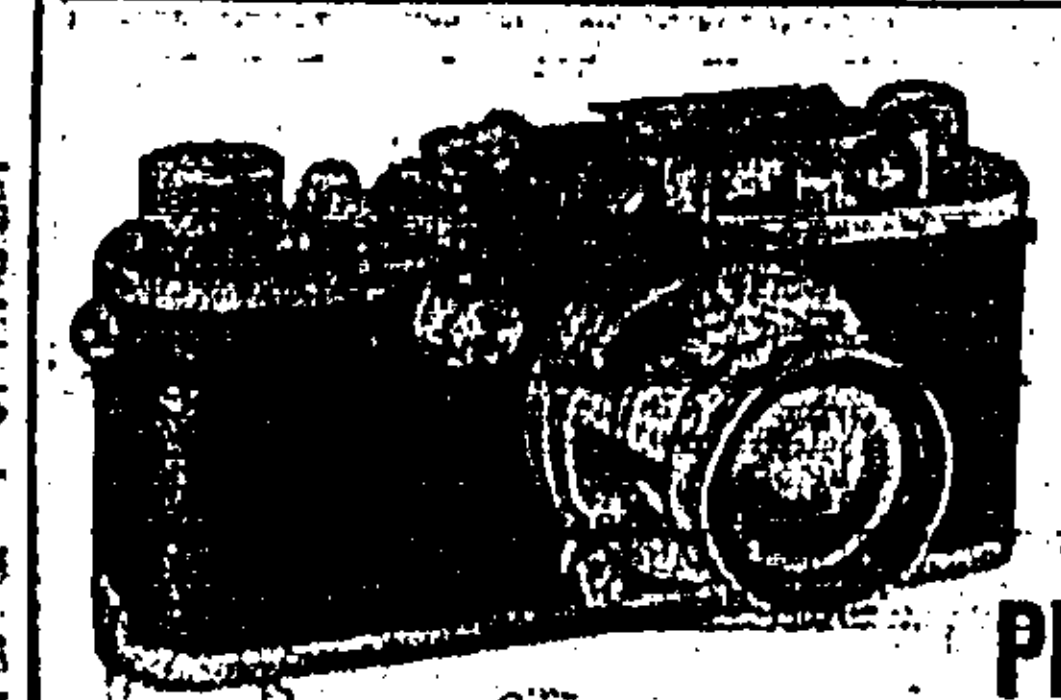
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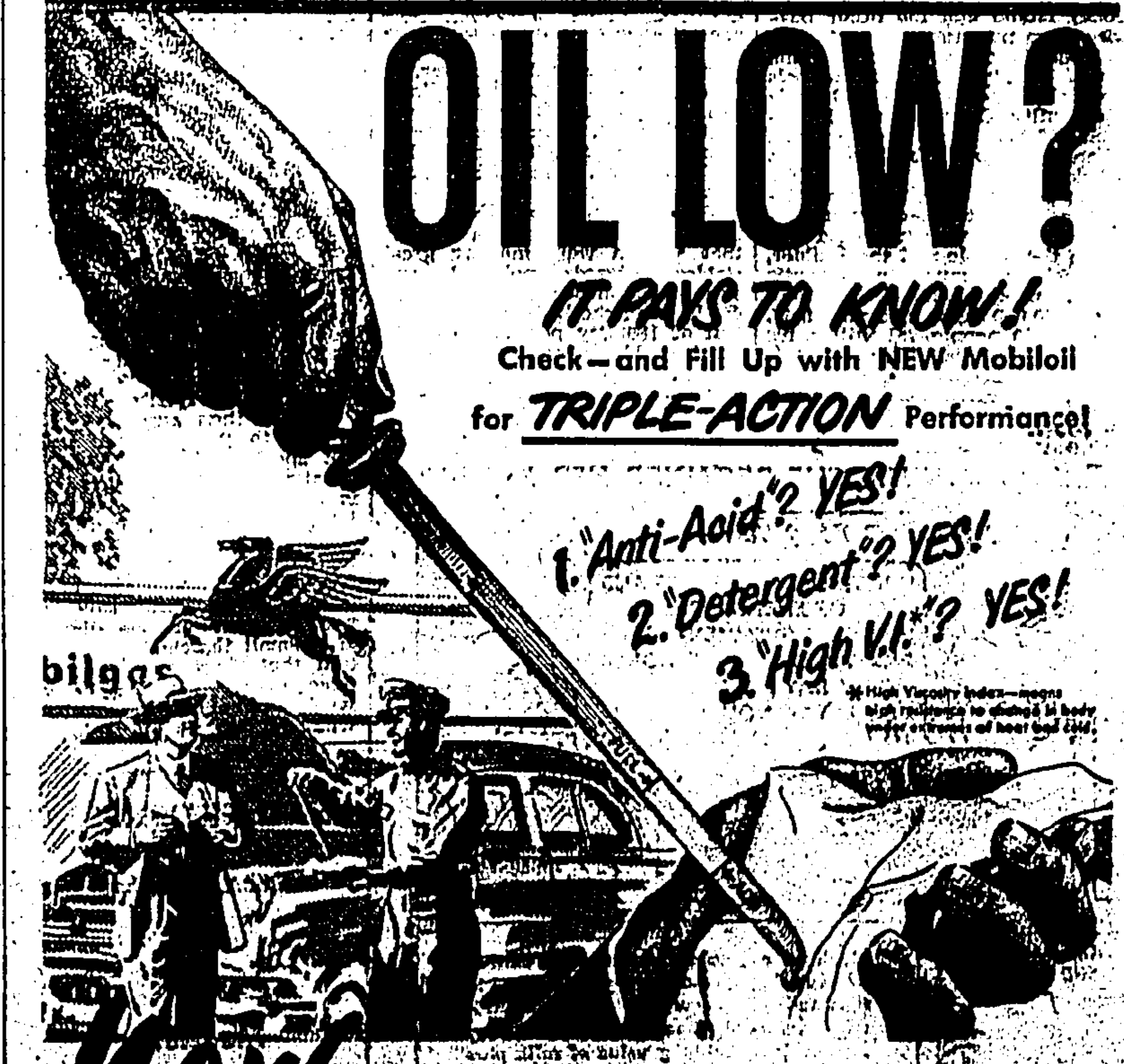
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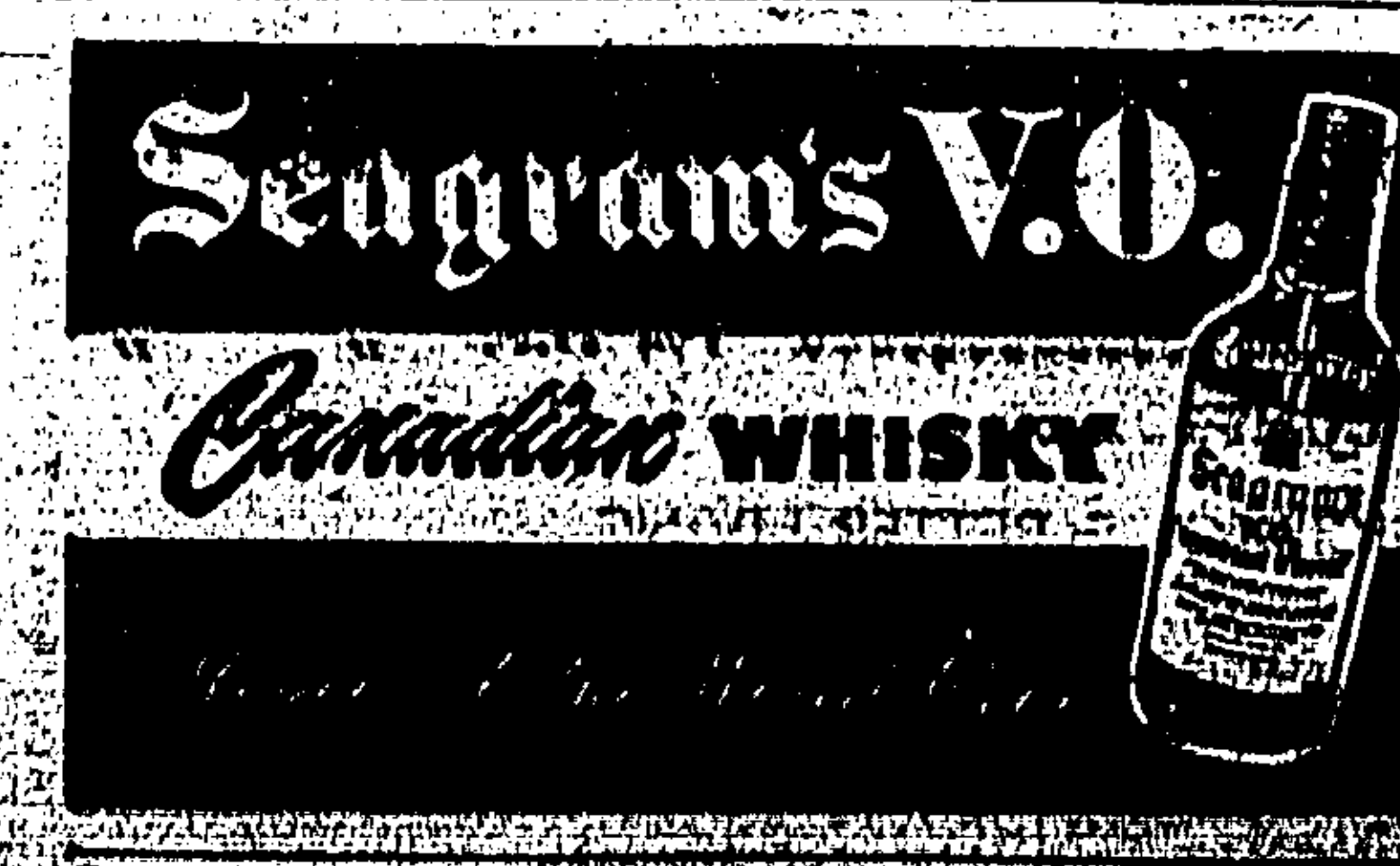
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The drenched men had already rejected four possible sites in a week-long tour of the Catskill Mountains, some hundred miles to the North West of the drenched city of New York. And they had to have a field headquarters, a control point, so they said, or else they wouldn't be able to tell the difference between the rain they were going to make and the rain that was drenching them anyway.

### The mayor's plan

Mayor William O'Dwyer, fresh from his St. Patrick's Day celebration, was going ahead with his plan to end New York's present water shortage, and to avoid future water shortages, by making rain of his own. In the city where nothing is alleged to be impossible, and where nothing succeeds like high costs, the burly ex-policeman, from Boholn, Co Mayo, had talked his budget directors into providing the sum of £17,000 for "scientific rain-making research."

Nobel Prize-winner Dr. Irving Langmuir had been consulted. A Dr. Wallace Howell had been appointed Rainmaker-in-Chief, and the whole idea was optimistically christened "Operation Cloudburst."

The idea itself was an old one. Pellets of dry ice would be dropped into billowing deep cumulus-type clouds, whereupon obliging rain showers would promptly fill the anxious reservoirs below.

### New attraction

As such, the idea had been tried in all five continents of the world.

But the £17,000 Big Budget was an altogether new attraction. Scientists and meteorologists of a dozen races, nationalities, religions, universities and political affiliations made a concerted rush to get in the door. Some of the keen young men applied for the £35-a-week job of Assistant Rainmaker-in-Chief alone.

For months, four communiques entitled "The Water Situation", had squeezed their way on to one corner of the other of the front pages. These listed the amount, in millions of gallons, of water remaining in the city's reservoirs. Happily, city editors ran story after story detailing the progress of Dr. Howell's pilgrims, and any old scientist who had ever flown a cranky old plane to upend pellets into clouds was automatically the main human interest news of the day.

Quick to see a chance of publicity, the United States Air Force issued a communique of its own. "The United States Air Force," it announced, "will co-operate to the fullest extent of available facilities." It later transpired that these facilities did not include planes, so a couple of city police aircraft were detailed for the job.

When it heard the Air Force had beaten it away from the post the U.S. Navy said it would attempt "an experiment" to watch the experiment. And, finally, the Air Force decided to send radar equipment, through which scientists ground crews could relate the position of the dropping aircraft to the natural and the man-made showers.

### Next day-rain!

Everything was ready, and bravely Dr. Howell and his associates (less the Chief Assistant, who had still to be selected) set off for the Catskill Mountains, where the reservoirs were to be made to rain.

At breakfast-time it was a drizzle. At lunch-time it was a steady shower. At tea-time it

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was a torrential downpour. By midnight people were talking in inches.

Next day the Mayor's office announced that the reservoirs had gained 640,000,000 gallons.

Throughout the second day it kept on raining. Weather forecasts indicated more rain.

But far away in the mountains Dr. Howell stood with rain, metaphorically, dripping off his hat-brim to say that "Operation Cloudburst" would continue, that the planes would take off any day now, and that the only hold-up was that he couldn't find a field headquarters where he could set up the radar.

It had to go on a mountain-top, someone said.

### None for us

Things became even more complicated over the weekend when upstate farmers charged that O'Dwyer was trying to take their rain away from them.

"If the city's planes unload all the rain from our clouds on their reservoirs we won't have any for our fields," they said in effect.

Spurred by farmers' traditional hatred of New York City and undeterred by the fact that they were raising the subject of the final ownership of the clouds, lawyers served O'Dwyer with a demand that he should show cause why the city's experiments should not be forbidden. O'Dwyer's lawyer said that the city was short of water and would not be restrained.

Meanwhile, the downpour continued. Weather observers hadn't seen anything like it in months.

Faced with a classic music-hall situation, the undaunted Mayor went to the microphone to speak to the people. Meanwhile Mr. Howell's water conservation chief declared another dry day in which all good citizens were supposed not to shave or take a bath or drink a glass of water unless it was absolutely necessary. (The idea: to combat complacency.)

### Plans changed

But the Mayor remarked humbly that the reservoirs were only 53 per cent full, that something long-term had to be laid on however hard it was raining, and that in any case Dr. Howell was in charge of everything.

In his plans for welcoming back to his plans for welcoming the Lord Mayor of York, for welcoming the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, and for allotting bigger and better budgets for things like the schools and housing development.

Actually, Mayor O'Dwyer and his assistants at City Hall have been spending far more time on long-range municipal expansion than they have on rainmaking. In his address to the City Council O'Dwyer detailed plans to improve and expand the City's school system, its health and hospital facilities, its public housing and its bus and underground lines. A new system of sewage disposal to be worked out, to free Coney Island and the other beaches from pollution.

Obsolete schools were to be closed. Fifty-six old schools would be modernised, 50 new ones built. Others would be established as the need arose, wherever new suburban areas developed.

The Mayor, who has presumably no wish to go down in history as the man who stood between the people and the builder, is pushing through a gigantic housing programme, one that will erect 150,000 new modern flats, for 500,000 people, all within his own City limits. This effort is

being paid for out of City, New York State and U.S. Government funds, and is complementary to the already large effort of private housing concerns.

### Tactful silence

Asserting that adequate health facilities were the hallmark of a progressive community, O'Dwyer then calmly announced that more than \$50,000,000 would be spent on new and existing City hospitals.

But as far as the water shortage was concerned, the Mayor tactfully avoided all reference to his brilliant lieutenant up in the Catskills, and proclaimed: "The most important weapon in solving this problem, is a vigorous, unrelenting conservation effort... by the people of the city."

### NAMES IN LIGHTS

President Truman spent one morning of his Florida holiday with Lewis Carroll "the time has come, the walrus said, to talk of many things,"... then he calmly stamped on all rumours that he was replacing his brilliant, unpopular Secretary of State Dean Acheson by the "Mission to Moscow" man Chief Justice Fred Vinson.

Philip Jessup, scholarly U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, produced letters of testimony from Generals Eisenhower and Marshall to prove he had always fought against Communism, then told a Congressional investigating committee that "near campaigns against so-called Reds in the State Department were a danger to the country's foreign policy."

Archduke Otto says we are losing the Cold War. Soviet Ambassador Panyushkin followed up his Press party by inviting 90 U.S. University students round for an evening's view of the latest Russian films. Later he allowed nine Russians to go to the University for beer and cakes.

General Lawton Collins and Admiral Forrest Sherman, Army and Navy Staff Chiefs, have approved yet another medal for their services. It will be awarded to... service men and women who show outstanding characteristics in their basic military training.

Mrs. Anne O'Hare McCormick, distinguished columnist of the New York "Times," quotes "most European statesmen" as convinced that Europe's first capital will be at Strasbourg.

George Bernard Shaw is making more royalties on Broadway this season than ever before. The latest of his works to open, "Heartbreak House."

Anton Karas the zither man, is still in vogue. The other evening Steve Belloise, the middleweight boxer, cornered him, told him firstly he was wonderful, then that he should take him on there and then Karas grinned, said yes to everything Belloise said. Meanwhile, Franz Dietrichmann is now billed as El Borra-man is now billed as the world's greatest zither player, and Joseph Bruder is now billed by the Shelton Corner lounge as "the world's greatest zither player."

Joan Crawford has been offered one of television's biggest-ever contracts. A women's clothing company wants to pay her £350,000 for a series of half-hour films.

Trygve Lie, the UN Secretary-General released a report that women were making great strides toward political and social prominence all over the world, then checked his own staff. Out of 180 key posts, 177 were firmly held by men!



"She doesn't look nearly as pretty as she did the time before last!"

## Voodoo in Jamaica

Women worshippers lying unconscious for three weeks and death-bed confessions of ritual murders of adults and children are common among the strange religious sects of the West Indies island of Jamaica.

Leaders of these sects are usually men who drift from the recognised denominations, who are not willing to submit to regular Church discipline, or have been found guilty of some moral offence.

In addition, a number of cults have been imported from the United States.

Ancient teachings have also left their mark. The African slaves brought their own ancestral beliefs. At the time of the American War with Great Britain, loyalist planters came to Jamaica from the Southern States, bringing negroes who had a smattering of Christian worship.

They set themselves up as leaders among the Jamaican slaves and established strange faiths.

Sometimes a report will appear in the Jamaican daily Press of the disappearance of a child. Sometimes there is an "obeah" (voodoo) trial which ends in a heavy fine or imprisonment.

These events are often linked with revivalist cults. English planters, in the days of slavery, did not teach their slaves formal religion, except as a means of quelling a riot by some slave leader professing the power of "obeah."

It became necessary to enforce Christian rites to represent a stronger "obeah."

### Ras Tafari

One of the most recent cults is "Ras Tafari," which dates from the Italian invasion of Abyssinia. Its members do not shave or trim their hair, and seldom work since their bearded and unkempt appearance is not likely to improve their prospective employer's favour.

Women who become active in this cult are called "mammies," the men "soldiers." Leaders are called "shepherds" and "shepherdesses."

Meetings continue until late into the night. When one is convened about eight o'clock, a tune with a dizzy repetition of set phrases is sung and the members rock their bodies to the rhythm.

The "shepherds" then begin to omit short, sharp sounds like the yapping of a dog, keeping time with movements of the body. This is called "crooping" and members claim that it encourages the semi-conscious state necessary for "communication with the spirits."

He is then supposed to be talking to the spirits, who do not speak English. This communion with the spirit world is accompanied by convulsive jerks of the body, ending in a complete swoon which may last for several days.

A white visitor to one of these cult headquarters saw three women lying on the dirt floor of a small thatched hut. He was told that they had been there, unconscious, for nearly three weeks, automatically swallowing whatever was put into their

mouths. Sometimes, after being in this state, natives awake in an asylum.

### Bedwardism

A somewhat older form of revivalism is "Bedwardism." In 1894 the cornerstone was laid in

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the village of August Town (of the Jamaican Free Baptist Church), which had affiliated congregations in country areas. For many years "Bedward" the Shepherd" had practised healing and religion. By 1920 he held the ignorant population in the palm of his hand. He predicted the destruction of the white population and the reign of "Bedwardism" on earth. The white people feared a negro uprising.

He predicted that on December 29, 1920, he and the "anointed" of his congregation would "fly to Heaven." A woman member was died for hours to a tree and learning to fly, and when she made no headway Bedward reproached her for lack of faith.

On the day predicted for the "ascension flight" a male member of the congregation was sent up into a tree to head the "take off." The trusting fellow launched off himself from a high branch and fell to the ground, breaking his collar bone. Bedward then told his followers that the time had not yet come.

He decided that he could march upon Kingston and take charge of the Parish Church. But the march was intercepted by the police, who arrested Bedward and several of his leaders. He later died in a lunatic asylum.

Another popular sect is "Pecomania." The leader of this cult is called the "Governor," and his female assistant the "Governess." Meetings are usually held near a graveyard. The object is to "revive" a dead person, who will be called by name.

At the initiation ceremony a new member is required to go at midnight to the grave of the spirit which is to be "raised" and bring back to the gathering a sprig of flowers.

Meanwhile the congregation sings to the beat of tom-toms, the clapping of hands and the slap of bare feet on hard earth: "A who for ball me, Lord? A who for ball me? A who for ball me? Hunter man come ball me."

### Frenzied dancing

The dancing becomes more and more frenzied, and finally someone falls as if dead. This is considered a sign that the spirits have arrived and the collapsed person begins to talk "the unknown tongue." When the spirits depart he rises and repeats what the spirits have said.

If no spirits appear, the meeting is thought a failure and someone present may be suspected of possessing some counteracting influence. It is believed that "obeah" is mixed up in many of these

religious cults, but the law is rigidly enforced whenever cases are brought to notice.

The "Sub-officers" Guide to Jamaica" states that the law considers as implements of "obeah" such things as grave dirt, pieces of chalk, packs of cards, small mirrors or bits of large ones, beads, feet and bones of fowls, teeth of dogs and alligators, glass marbles, human hair, asafoetida, frankincense, shells, china dolls and wooden images.

The law does not always apprehend the miscellany, because many have been known to make confessions on their death-beds. One woman confessed to the murder of 20 children and 15 adults.



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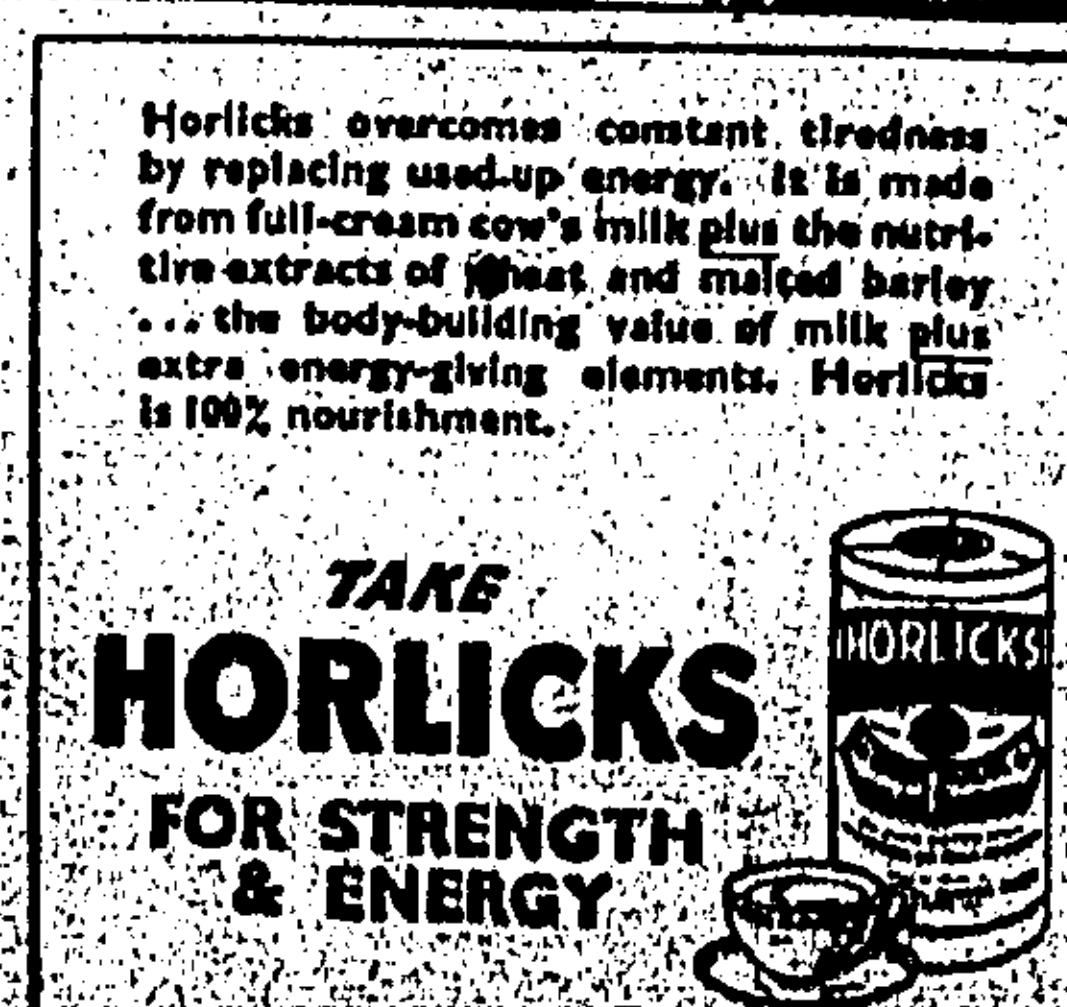
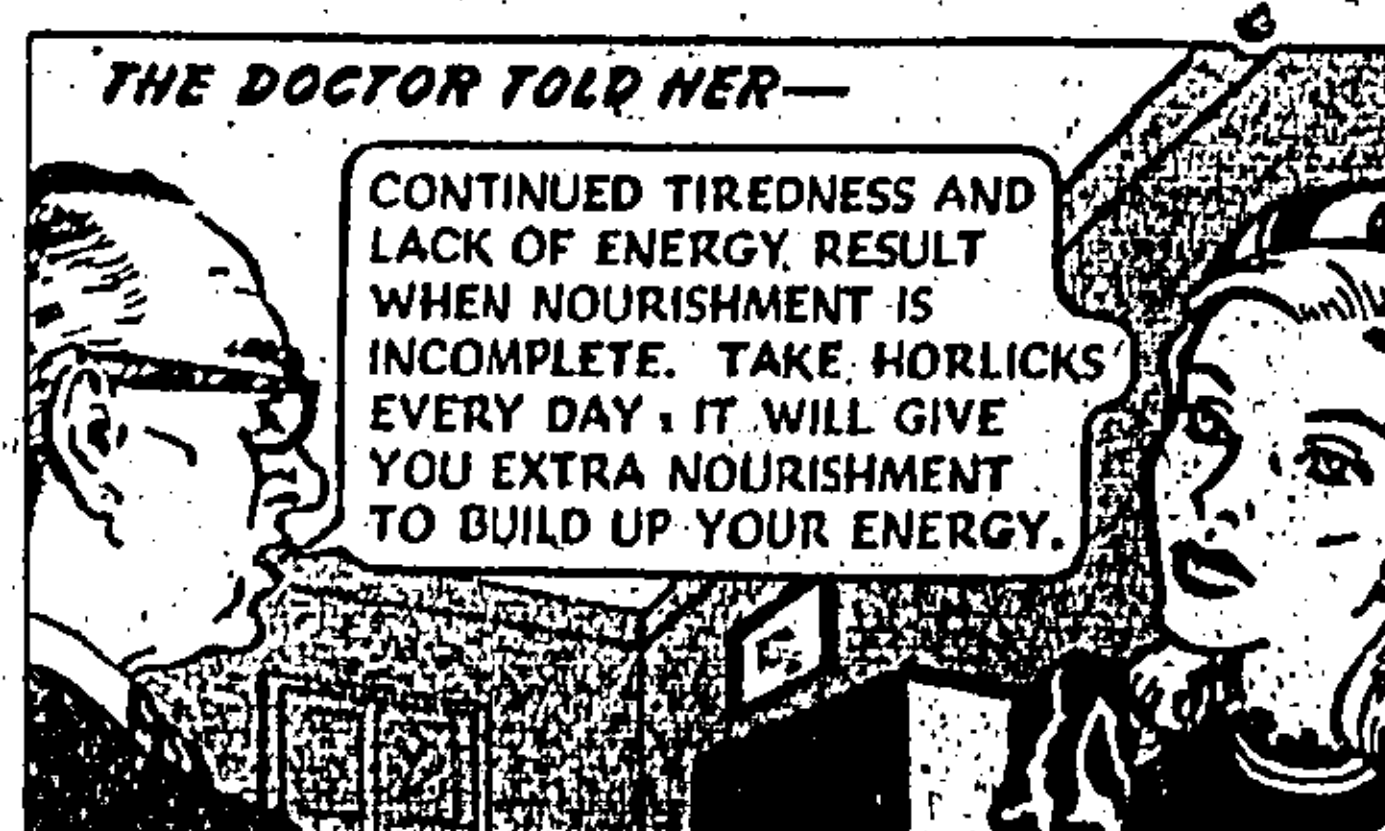
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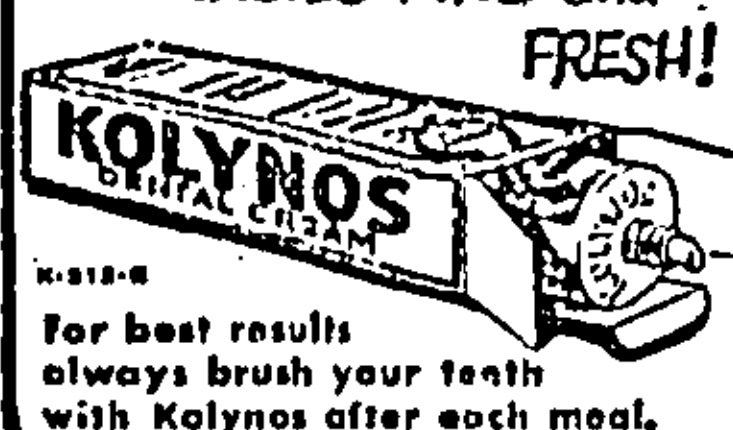
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## Flying saucery report

Objects of the kind known as "flying saucers" were reported to have been seen winging their way over the small American town of Orangeburg, in South Carolina, on March 9 and 10.

The "Sunday Dispatch" decided to find out who exactly saw them, what they saw, and in what circumstances they saw them.

Many reports about flying saucers have appeared in newspapers in all parts of the world. Believing that many readers may think such reports have been exaggerated as they were passed from mouth to mouth, or by newspapermen with an eye to selling their stories to the world's Press, the "Sunday Dispatch" decided to go right to the source: Orangeburg, S.C.

Here, then, is the account of the Orangeburg flying saucers, as told by a local paper, the "Times and Democrat," of Orangeburg. The staff writers had nothing to gain by writing other than the strict facts related by witnesses. They knew what they wrote would be read by the people who had seen the flying saucers. The witnesses, similarly, knew their accounts would be compared one with another.

### 'No explanation'

On March 10, the "Times and Democrat" printed the following: "A 'flying saucer' made its way slowly across the Orangeburg sky yesterday and sank with the setting sun."

"The strange object was viewed by at least five persons who stood on Memorial Plaza and saw the bright-shining disc leaving a vapour trail high in the sky."

"Observers who saw the apparition could offer no explanation for it. It was hardly possible that it could be confused with a cloud, the moon, a weather balloon, or conventional or jet aircraft, they said."

"One of the first to see the 'saucer' was Mrs. Donald Law, who was walking near the Hotel Eutaw. Carrying her small son, she ran to the office of the "Times and Democrat," where her husband is city editor.

"Four members of the newspaper staff, including publisher J. L. Sims, hurried to the corner of Church and Russell Street, where they saw the disc, then slowly sinking behind the Scoville building.

"At about the same time Harry Player, a member of the "Times and Democrat" composing room staff, saw the saucer as he and four others were returning from Columbia.

### 'Vapour trails'

"The party was about 15 miles from Orangeburg when Mr. Player's mother, Mrs. Elsie Sherlock, glanced up to see the disc trailed by the vapours. Both she and Mrs. Law saw it as it seemed to break away from the vapour trail and continue its way Westward.

"Vapour trails are created by conventional aircraft only at certain levels of the atmosphere, usually at 20,000ft. and above."

"With Mr. Player also were his wife and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Phillips. Viewing the object in

### Rainbow

Two dozen rainbow-coloured chicks made a very gala entrance into the world recently at Vineland, New Jersey.

Instead of a modest, downy coat of light yellow or black, these little newcomers sported harlequin coats of red, green, and bright yellow.

But the rainbow chicks were not in any way freaks. The explanation of the gay colours was simply that a certain Mrs. Kiss of Cleveland, Ohio, was on the last lap of an experiment in multi-coloured hatching begun by her father 10 years ago.

Says Mrs. Kiss as she watches over her coloured brood: "The use of coloured chickens will do away with banding and stamping for segregation purposes."

And how is it done? The answer, writes Kay Murray, is almost too simple to believe.

The dyes are injected into the eggs by needles — and the normal incubation of the eggs does the rest. The result — rainbow-coloured chickens every bit as lively as their more soberly clad brothers and sisters.

For the benefit of those who may be worrying about coping with a green chicken on the dinner table, Mrs. Kiss explains that the colours gradually fade as the chickens grow up. By the time they are at the dinner table stage they will be "back to normal" although their legs may still have something of the "rainbow" about them.

Orangeburg were Mr. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. Law, T. M. Rogers, and Turner Carlton.

"As the disc moved slowly into the West after first appearing in the North, it was tilted at about 30 degrees from vertical. How-

ever, the degree of tilt changed and at times it seemed to be almost vertical.

"First seen in Orangeburg at about 6.20, the disc was visible until 6.35, when it sank out of sight. During that time it traversed about 45 degrees across the sky."

This news item was printed beneath the headlines: "Flying Saucer Seen Here; Witnesses Say Real McCoy."

Further eye-witness evidence was printed by the "Times and Democrat" on the following day: "Edward Pauling, milling executive, said he watched the object for some time while riding along."

"The Highway Patrol District Radio Station here said that one of its patrolmen, R. E. Traylor, saw the disc while travelling on a road in Orangeburg County and reported it to headquarters by radio. The object was also seen by persons in Cameron."

"Besides the Orangeburg area the disc was sighted at Florence, Columbia, and Dentsville. Other discs were reported seen yesterday in many parts of the nation."

Such, then, is the evidence concerning the flying saucer of March 9. The same newspaper, however, printed the following account of saucers seen the following day, March 10.

"In Orangeburg, Mrs. James Antley Jr., a housewife, told of seeing a round object without wings flying high in the sky over Tri-County Hospital late yesterday."

"Her son, Jimmy, aged 7, called her attention to it as they got out of their automobile in front of Marchan Music Co. in Summers-avenue."

"Jimmy told his mother to look at the 'funny looking airplane.'"

### 'Faint drone'

"An unidentified woman who was near by stood with them and watched the object pass Northward in the direction of Columbia. The object was larger than a commercial airliner, and seemed to emit a very faint drone as it passed, Mrs. Antley said."

"At about 10 last night a St. Matthews resident called the "Times and Democrat" to report seeing something looking like a half moon with tail on it passing over St. Matthews. He was

unable to estimate its altitude or speed, and no other reports were received.

"After learning of Thursday's incident, two members of the War Department's military intelligence service from Shaw Air Base at Sumter arrived in Orangeburg soon after 10 a.m. yesterday to interview newspapermen who saw the strange object floating in Western skies leaving a distinct vapour trail."

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"E. Stuart Gregg Jr., Reserve Corps jet pilot, with experience in many types of aircraft, said, after hearing descriptions of the object, that he believed it was a fragment of a plane's vapour trail which had broken away, retained its shape, and reflected sunlight."

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## YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ANY MORE

By Patrick Nicholson

Next time you complain, "I'm worrying myself to death," remember this: you CAN worry yourself to death.

And if you are being constantly nagged you can develop appendicitis or stomach trouble as a direct result.

I have been talking to the world's greatest expert on worry. There are two top priority conclusions which can be drawn from his investigations.

He is 42-year-old Viennese research worker Dr. Hans Selye. He has discovered that continuous worry is the cause of what are still termed the "diseases of unknown origin" — killers like high blood pressure, leukemia and hardening of the arteries.

Just worry is an only worry. Pipe-smoking, softly-spoken Dr. Selye, who for 14 years has been leading Canadian research into the behaviour of our glands — he calls them the "ARP wardens" of our bodies — claims that the everyday expression "worrying myself to death" is a medical fact.

### Found the answers

He is head of experimental medicine at Montreal University, and a candidate for the Nobel Prize for Medicine.

He found the answer to the riddle of the mystery diseases by experimenting with rats, which he subjected to the worries and strains we face every day. He exhausted some by keeping them running about. Others he made angry and resentful by tying their legs together, and worried by standing them on tilted platforms. He put some in an ice-box, others in a Turkish bath.

In every case worry caused by these irritations brought on diseases, and finally death.

Dr. Selye posed five vital questions on the problem of worry. Here they are — and the answers:

### WHY DO I WORRY?

Your worrying is a hangover from the dangerous lives of your prehistoric ancestors at the distant rear of a sabre-toothed tiger. This is the price you have to pay for Nature's priceless gift to the caveman — the instinct to fight, or flee, at the first sign of danger. That instinct alone allowed him to survive.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I WORRY?

You start a chain reaction through four different stages. Alarm stage: At the first shock of worry or physical danger, your nerves signal an SCIS to your brain. There the pea-sized pituitary gland sends out a warning "scout" called the adreno-cortico-tropic hormone, or A.C.T.H. for short.

### Your own SOS

Hormones are the chemical messengers of your body which travel from one gland to another along your bloodstream.

Defence stage: A.C.T.H. soon reaches the adrenals, which sit astride each kidney. As soon as these glands receive the warning, they dispatch some of their 28 different hormones to every part of your body. Among the more important hormones are cortisone, which creates sugar — an "emergency ration" of energy — and adrenalin, which strengthens your muscles, constricts your blood vessels, summons more sugar from your liver and sharpens your eyesight.

"Have you ever noticed your tiredness vanish in a flash when you suddenly get angry?" asks Dr. Selye. "That is no result of your adrenal glands going into action. A form of adrenalin was used in World War II to boost the output of munition workers. Another form, benzadrine, is a well-known pepper-upper."

Resistance stage: If the adrenals do their job properly you can worry all day and feel no ill-effects. As soon as you cease to worry, your body returns to normal.

Continuing worry is dangerous, because then the defence and resistance stages eventually become one and the same thing. Your body adapts itself to resist worry, but you become tired, rundown and an easy prey to illness.

Exhaustion stage: If worry becomes prolonged your adrenals become overstrained and send off damaging hormones. Then your body is open to attacks of the "diseases of adaptation" — gastric ulcers, rheumatoid arthritis, high blood pressure, leukemia, kidney disease and hardening of the arteries. As the body's defences collapse all round there is a risk of death from any of these diseases.

Very much so, Worry causes the heart diseases which are today's "No. 1 killers." Conditions of modern life frequently set off the hormone chain reaction in your body which raises your blood pressure and damages your kidneys and heart.

CAN MODERN DRUGS REDUCE THE ILL-EFFECTS OF WORRY?

Now doctors are cautiously optimistic. Perhaps man is for the first time within sight of victory over killing diseases induced by worry. Dr. Selye's experiments show that some of them can be cured, or prevented, by injections of cortisone direct and A.C.T.H. — which stimulates your adrenals to produce cortisone.

Doctors now cautiously hope that A.C.T.H. and cortisone may eventually cure cancer and even assist in the removal of the madness of split personality. Since tests show that they will slow down the degenerative disease of old age, there is even hope that they may crown man's oldest search — for the elixir of eternal youth.

But a daily dose of A.C.T.H. costs £7. The pituitary gland of the pig contains A.C.T.H., but 400,000 pigs yield only 1lb. of the drug, enough to treat 17 patients. A.C.T.H. is still available only for research work.

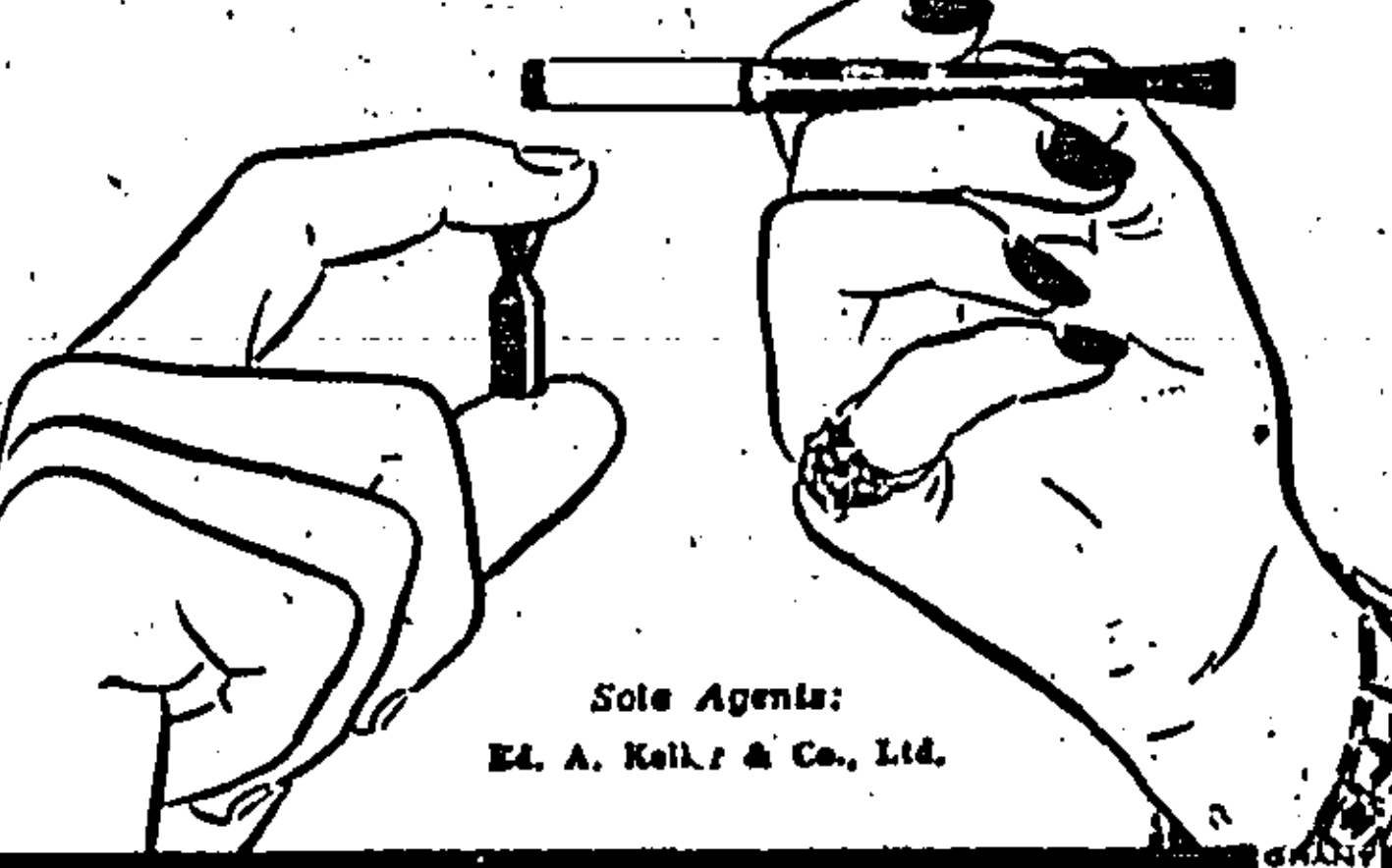
HOW CAN I AVOID WORRYING?

Don't overwork. Avoid fighting the clock. Allow an extra five minutes to catch your morning train or bus. Complete every daily task. Take holidays regularly. Get your mind off your job during the lunch hour. Have something to occupy your mind, so develop a hobby for leisure hours.

Watch your diet — we seem to be less susceptible to the ill-effects of worry if we eat less proteins and salt. And most important of all — consciously relax every muscle when you go to bed, as mental relaxation and sound sleep will only follow complete physical relaxation. — that is Dr. Selye's advice. This is the only way in which to write off the harmful if involuntary reactions to our anger and frustration in a flash queue. And use common sense — do anything you feel like doing. But do it in moderation. The gap between the self-confident man and the "always fearing the worst" mouse is easily and quickly bridged . . .

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# Japan hopes to increase exports by 50 per cent

## NZ easing restrictions on business

Auckland, April 7. The new Conservative regime in New Zealand is easing restrictions on private business.

The latest government move is to loosen regulations under which banks can make advances to customers.

Formerly all advances by trading banks to customers have been subject to the authority of the government's Reserve Bank.

The Prime Minister Mr. Sidney G. Holland, has announced that in future there will be no restrictions on advances of up to 2,000 pounds for a period of less than two years.

The Prime Minister said in a statement this government move will eliminate a lot of form-filling and delays.

The government also promises to end its monopoly in workers' accident compensation insurance.

The former Labour Party government took over all of this business, which is substantial, as workers' insurance is compulsory.

Prime Minister Holland says the government monopoly will end as soon as necessary legislation can be passed.

The end of this state monopoly was a plank in the election policy of the present National Party government.—Associated Press.

## MALAYA IMPORTS OF SIAM RICE

Singapore, April 7. The Governments of the Federation of Malaya and Singapore announced today that while continuing to import all rice for issue on ration they will permit commercial imports of certain quantities from Thailand with effect as from April 15, 1950.

These categories are: (1) One hundred per cent whole-grain; (2) "C" grades (C-1 and C-3 broken); (3) Infested rice; (4) Long-grain; (5) Glutinous rice.

Imports from Indo-China will be confined to cargo rice and damaged rice. Imports from Burma will not at present be permitted.

Re-export of commercially imported grades will be permitted subject to foreign exchange regulations.—Reuters.

## HAIFA HARBOUR

Haifa, April 7. Haifa's harbour output has been doubled and reached record figures during the past month thanks to increased labour efforts and newly arrived American equipment purchased under the \$100,000 loan of the Export-Import Bank to Israel. It was stated by the Port management today.

For the first time premiums were paid last month to port labourers for higher output. Construction works for enlarging Haifa Harbour are to begin shortly.—Associated Press.

## SINO-POLISH TRADE PACT

San Francisco, April 7. Peking Radio reported tonight that contracts for an exchange of goods were signed in Peking recently between the Ministries of Trade of China and Poland, following two months' discussions with a Polish trade mission headed by Mr. J. Strocen.

A barter arrangement had also been made, the Radio said. It, however, gave no details of the goods involved.—Reuters.

## OIL DISPUTE

Washington, April 7. The Government has worked out new proposals in the Anglo-American oil controversy which are expected to save dollars for

Britain and keep foreign markets for American producers.

Congress was informed of this today by the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Willard Thorp.—Reuters.

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Tokyo, April 8. Japan hopes to increase its exports in 1950 by 50 per cent over 1949 to \$800,000,000, a top Japanese trade official told the United Press.

Ryuji Takeuchi, foreign trade administrator of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, said he believed there was still considerable room for expansion of Japan's export trade which in 1949 totalled \$510,969,000.

He attributed a large part of this hope to what he called a natural momentum from increases shown since the end of the war when Japan had to start all over from scratch in the export trade.

Takeuchi pointed out that exports in 1949 were about double the 1948 figure of \$258,000,000, and it is not too much to hope that there will be a 50 per cent increase in 1950 over 1949.

"We have been gradually selling to new areas and it is reasonable to presume that we will sell more goods in those areas," Takeuchi said.

He stressed, however, that Japan experiences difficulties in the promotion of trade because of a shortage of dollars and pound sterling. This is a factor which makes free trade difficult in for better agreements with respective countries—an arrangement which he said is not satisfactory in boosting the volume of Japan's exports.

The fundamental remedy for such a situation is to have the sterling area buy more from Japan, Takeuchi said, and he hoped this will be materialized.

He stressed that it is now generally a buyers market and it is vital that Japan improves the quality of its goods for export.

Takeuchi made the following observations regarding trade with various countries.

Communist China—China always has been one of Japan's most valuable markets and Japan hopes to do increased trade with Red China despite the presence of a political barrier. Rail steels and locomotives made in Japan, it was pointed out, can be used with little difficulty in China because the rolling stock there was originally built in Japan.

Japan needs coal, iron ores, soy beans and other raw materials from China and can sell in return finished products.

The Philippines—Japan is optimistic about trade development with the Philippines although advisers anti-Japanese feeling there because of the war has not subsided. Japan needs iron ores, abaca, hemp and other raw materials from the Philippines and can supply them with machinery, cement, fishing nets and other commodities.

India—The markets for Japanese textiles has dropped because India has come to produce a substantial amount of its needs. But Japan can supply India with machinery and technicians in the industrial field. Japan in return can buy raw cotton from India.

Thailand—Japan can supply Thailand with textiles and other manufactured goods while Japan needs that country's rice. Japan looks optimistically on expansion of trade with this country which has always been on a friendly basis with Japan.

Burma—Japan looks forward to trade expansion with this country which is a good market for Japanese textiles and machinery. Japan in return can buy rice.

Pakistan—Japan wants to sell textiles to Pakistan and buy Pakistan raw cotton.—United Press.

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## Britain and Japan's industry

London, April 6. Britain cannot oppose the development of Japanese industry on other than strategic grounds, as the American taxpayer is having to meet Japan's foreign trade deficit of \$400,000,000 a year, Parliament was told today.

Mr. Harvey Rhodes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, was answering the fears of Lancashire Members that the Lancashire cotton industry's future was menaced by competition from Japan with its low standards of living.

"There is no possibility from our point of view of imposing restrictions in Japan itself on the size of the Japanese export trade in cotton textiles," he added.

Japan, he said, must be allowed to achieve a reasonable standard of living.

Welcoming the forthcoming visit to Japan of the joint Anglo-American fact-finding Cotton Mission, Mr. Rhodes said it was expected to go to Tokyo at the end of this month or the beginning of the next.—Reuters.

## JAP TEXTILES FOR AFRICA

Durban, April 7. Japanese textile goods worth £800,000 will begin to arrive in South Africa next month, it was announced today by Mr. K. Gama, first Japanese businessman to visit the Union since the war.

Mr. Gama, who is canvassing orders for a leading firm of exporters, said that consignments, including rayon piece-goods, spun rayon, printed cotton piece-goods and suiting materials, would begin to arrive at the end of May.

"We want to work on a barter system—give and take," Mr. Gama added.

"We want your raw wool and hides with which to make shoes," —Reuters.

## American asks Czech sanctuary

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"In conference at the time attended only by representatives of British capital, Britain was forced to agree, under the threat of stopping further dollar loans, that they would not demand the nationalisation of the steel industry in the Ruhr."

Mr. Wheeler said that in his function as policy chief of the Labour Offices in the American Zone in Germany he had his disposal the complete files of all members of the Nazi Party, the SS, the Gestapo and other Nazi organisations.

But he said he was asked to follow the orders of the American Intelligence Service and "place members of Nazi organisations in responsible positions though their files revealed their past."

Asked whether he thought that he could return to the United States, and whether he intended to renounce his American citizenship, Mr. Wheeler replied: "Of course I could return, and some day I expect to; but at the moment the Truman Administration would not receive me very favourably. But do not expect the Truman Administration to be any more eternal than the Hoover Administration was."

"In the meantime, I welcome Czech hospitality."

When pressed further, Mr. Wheeler intimated that he did not intend to renounce his American citizenship.

Mrs. Wheeler said that during their whole life of 21 years, she had always ranged herself on her husband's side in the argument, and again in this extremely important decision.

"I am with him," she declared. "Our decision today was not an easy one," she said. "We love our country and its people but for that very reason we cannot accept or renounce ourselves to a hostile and aggressive policy which is our Government's policy."

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## New York Stock Exchange

New York, April 6. The stock market pounded ahead for gains of fractions to around three points. At the close, the price level reached the crest of a rise that started back in mid-June and hit the highest level since August 1949. The market started pointing upward and never changed direction. Prices were at or just below the best of the day.

Chemical, radio television, steel and motor issues dominated the trading and scored the sharpest gains. Heavy trading accompanied the rise. Transfers 2,000,000 shares.

Good prospects for settlement of the Chrysler strike apparently touched off the buying wave. Some 688 issues advanced and 206 declined.

Among the gainers were Hayden Chemical, Columbia Gas American Radiator, American Airlines, Curtiss Wright, Warner Brothers Pictures, American Cyanamid and Filco.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 70.03; 20 Industrials 212.10; 15 Rails 89.23; 10 Utilities 43.20.

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J. I. Case 42 1/2	Republic Steel 27
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Rail bonds advanced. Treasury bonds weakened. Curb gains included Cities Service, Reliance, Aircraft, Imperial Oil, United Light, and Technicolor.—Associated Press.

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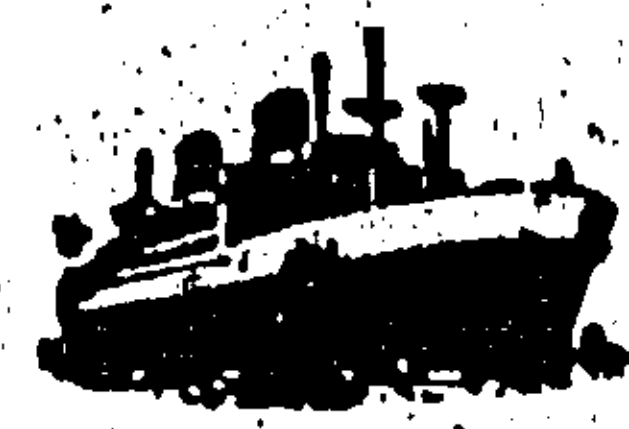
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## Softball:

# Pakistan may withdraw from International against Portugal

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Yesterday's light drizzle upset the softball fixtures as far as the Senior League Play-offs were concerned, but the Midgots played off their games with the usual enthusiasm.

Both the Braves and Jaguars had their teams on the field ready to play when Umpire Don Robbins declared the ground fit for play.

While the ground was being sprinkled with loose sand in some strategic spots in the field,

## TODAY'S SPORT CRICKET

IRC v Commandos at Sookun-poo (First Division League), 1.45 p.m.

### GOLF

Shanghai Visitors Cup, Old Course 9.10 a.m. New Course 9.10 a.m.

### SOCCER

First Division League: St. Joseph's v Kowloon Motor Bus at Happy Valley, 5 p.m.  
Second Division League: RAF v University at Kai Tak, 5 p.m.  
Police v Boundary at Boundary Street, 5 p.m.  
Kit Chee v Navy at Happy Valley, 3.30 p.m.

### LAWN BOWLS

President's team v Mr. Alken's team at Kowloon Bowling Green Club, 3.30 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

Men's Senior League Final Play-offs: Braves v Americans at CBA ground, King's Park, 2.30 p.m.

Inter-Hong League: Shell v Sun Miguel at CBA ground, 11.30 p.m.; Caltex v Gibb Livingston at CBA ground, 1 p.m.

Ladies' Junior League: Clovers v Squaws at CBA ground, 4 p.m.  
Midgots' League: Mohawks v Falcons, 10 a.m.; Lions v Aces, 11.30 a.m.; Blackhawks v Saints, 1 p.m.; Dodgers v Delawares, 2.30 p.m.; Blackhawks v Bluebirds, 4 p.m.—all at Recreio ground.

### BASKETBALL

Arellano v Hong Kong & Kowloon Combined at Caroline Hill, 8 p.m.

### MONDAY'S SOCCER

International Cup Final: HK Football Federation Association England v China, Sookunpoo 4.30 p.m.; Referee: L.G. Young; Linesmen: F.A. Barretto and A. Leek.  
Duration of match 90 minutes. In the event of a draw the match will be replayed.  
Second Division: PCA v Eastern, St. Joseph's 3.30 p.m.; Referee: A. Ribeiro.  
St. Joseph's v CAA, St. Joseph's 5 p.m.; Referee: Tsang King-hong.

## COLONIST BEATEN IN SALISBURY SPRING HANDICAP

Salisbury, Wiltshire, April 6. Mr. Winston Churchill and his family saw his French-bred race horse, Colonist, beaten into fourth place in the Salisbury Spring Handicap, run over one mile, here today.

Colonist, winner of three of his six races since arriving in England, last summer, attempted to make all the running but was collared a furlong from home, finishing fourth behind the 6 to 1 chance, Eulogy, owned by Mr. G. Cooper, a Portsmouth butcher. Crystal Link, a 20 to 1 shot, was second, two lengths behind Eulogy, with the 9 to 4 favourite, Signalman, half a length away third in a field of nine runners. Colonist started second favourite at 7 to 2—Reuter.

## ORTIZ GIVEN PERMISSION TO FIGHT TOWELL

Los Angeles, April 7. The world bantamweight champion, Manuel Ortiz, has been given permission to fight the British Empire titleholder, Vic Towell, in Johannesburg, South Africa, next month, the California Athletic Commission announced today.—United Press.

field, the Braves changed their minds and walked off the field.

It is understood that the Jaguars have claimed the points based on the umpire's ruling, while Braves manager Charlie Figueiredo has intimated that the claim will be contested on an alleged previous ruling by the Grounds Committee.

The Ladies Senior League fixtures were concluded when Wildcatters conceded another game to the Pirates.

After dropping a game to the Delawares last week in the Midgots League, the Saints returned to form and nipped out a strong Mohawk side 11-10 in an eight-inning struggle.

Aces added another victory to their string of unbroken triumphs when they overwhelmed Black Arrows 16-7, while Delawares easily accounted for Falcons 8-2.

According to unconfirmed rumours, it is understood that Pakistan may withdraw from the international finals against Portugal on Monday, owing to their inability to field a full side on account of other duties.

Despite the inclement weather which caused several games to be called off, softballers are the last to complain against a few drops of welcome rain. Nevertheless, ball fans die hard.

### Hot-stove session

Turning on the hot-stove session, the main topic naturally concerned the chances of the Senior loop pennant, which is still open three ways, now that the Jaguars are eliminated with three losses.

The Americans figure their guns will blast their way to Pennantville, while the Braves who breathing right down their necks depend on a solid field aided by their nibbling squeeze tactics.

The Saints, who disappointed in their first two play-off games by being noised out, showed a welcome return to form in their last game against the Jaguars, and although mathematically have the least chance, are still dangerous contenders. The following offensive power of the four play-off teams during the elimination round are given for comparison:

Braves ... 359 108 105 232 40 70  
Americans ... 415 104 107 258 47 21  
St. Joseph ... 407 126 101 248 47 49  
Jaguars ... 364 78 90 247 22 44

These figures provide interesting information, but lest we forget, the defensive section of a team plays an important part, and this effectiveness is not shown above.

### Team of the year

Those who worship at the Shrine of Statistics, and who regard the Law of Averages as their bible, will unhesitatingly nominate the Braves as the team of the year.

True, hits will place potential runs on base, but there is no guarantee that this will win ball games.

As proof, we need only look at the impressive figures of St. Teresa and Madcaps, both of whom failed to qualify. The Teresas averaged 270 at the plate with 78 stolen bases, while Madcaps registered 208 with 47 runs batted in and 35 pitched bases. All this just does to show that anything can happen in a ball game. It may be a lucky hit or an untimely bungle.

## British Isles Rugby Union team on tour

London, April 7.

The Rugby Union team, which left over the week-end to tour New Zealand and Australia this summer, will have ample opportunities for getting to know each other during the six weeks' sea trip.

That is one of the main reasons why the sea route is always preferred to travel by air on such occasions.

The weeks on board ship are felt to be useful in giving members of the party a chance to meet each other socially and to enable the tactical aspects of the tour to be discussed.

Moreover, the players are able to enjoy an adequate rest period after the tiring British season, which for most of them has meant continuous Rugby for seven months.

Karl Mullen, the Old Belvedere and Ireland hooker, is the youngest of all international Rugby captains at 23. His selection is considered sound as it is popular for he has led the Irish side for the past three seasons with outstanding success.

When the team left, the vice-captain was not known, but a cable was received from the ship captain that Edddyd William, Cardiff and Wales centre-three-quarter, had been given the honour.

### All Internationals

All the 30 players in the party are internationals—13 from Wales, nine from Ireland, five from Scotland and three from England—and include two full-backs, four wing—three-quarters, four centre—three-quarters, two stand-off halves, three scrum-half-backs and 15 forwards.

The party will be managed by Surgeon Captain L. B. Osborne, of the Royal Navy.

This is the first British side to visit the Antipodes since that led by F. D. Pratley, the present Rugby Football Union secretary, in 1930.

The official title of the team will be the British Isles Rugby Union team. Its official colours will be red jerseys (with a badge of the four Home Rugby Unions), white shorts and blue stockings.

The tour promises to be a full and exciting one. The tentative itinerary shows that the party will play 24 matches in New Zealand, including four Tests, at Christchurch, Dunedin, Auckland and Wellington, and six games in Australia—30 fixtures in all.

The two Tests the British team will play in Australia will be at venues in New South Wales and Queensland, the two strongholds of the Rugby Union game "Down Under."—Reuter.

## Senior Shield winners



A dramatic goal three minutes before time enabled the Kit Chee XI, shown above, to beat St. Joseph's by one goal to nil at Happy Valley yesterday and thus win the Senior Soccer Challenge Shield. Kit Chee are also the Champions of the First Division of the Hong Kong Football League. ("China Mail" photo).

## Darts League:

# Sectional winners to meet to decide who will hold San Miguel trophy

(By "BULLSEYE")

The winners of each Section of the San Miguel Brewery Darts League have now been decided.

To close the 1949/50 Darts season, the champions of each Section must meet to decide who will hold the San Miguel Brewery Darts Trophy for the next 12 months.

By permission of Major Stirling-Baker, Officer Commanding "Command Workshop REME" and the WO & Sgts. Mess President, ASM Winterbottom, MBE and members, the final tournament between Sgts. Mess 110 LAA Battery RA (winners of Section 1) and Sgts Mess 23 Field Regt. RA (winners of Section 2), will take place on Friday, April 14, at the Command Workshop REME, WO & Sgts Mess, Shamshuipo, at 8 p.m.

The season has been a very exciting one, especially in Section 1, where we had Boundary Street with a membership strength of just enough to make a team, leading in the first 11 games of the season before the 45 RM Commando and the Dockyard Charge-men took the lead.

The Charge-men looked like being the champions until 119 Battery, who were following very closely, managed to beat the Charge-men and draw with 45 Commando, giving them a one point lead to put them at the top of this Section.

In Section 2, the 25 Field Regt. RA were doing very well early in the season, but somehow ran into some stiff opposition and had to give way to the 23 Field Regt. RA who have proved themselves the undisputed champions in the New Territories.

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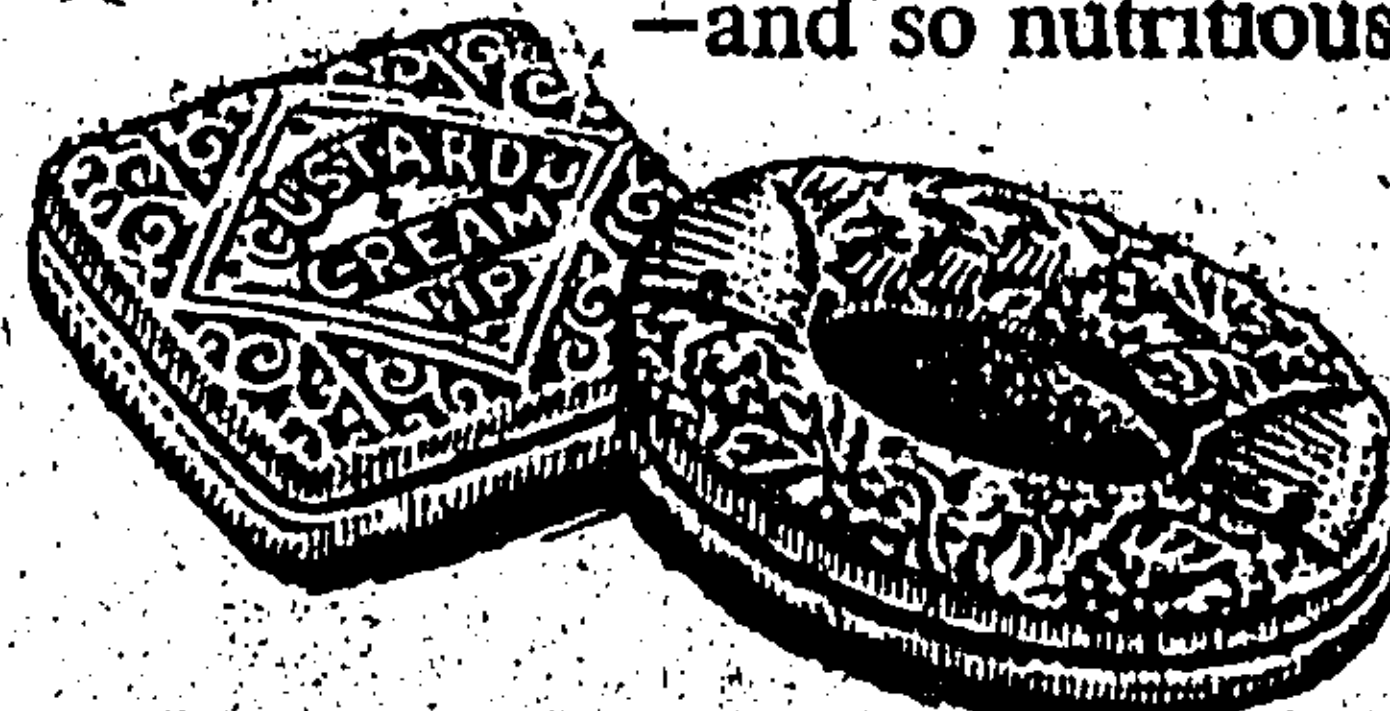
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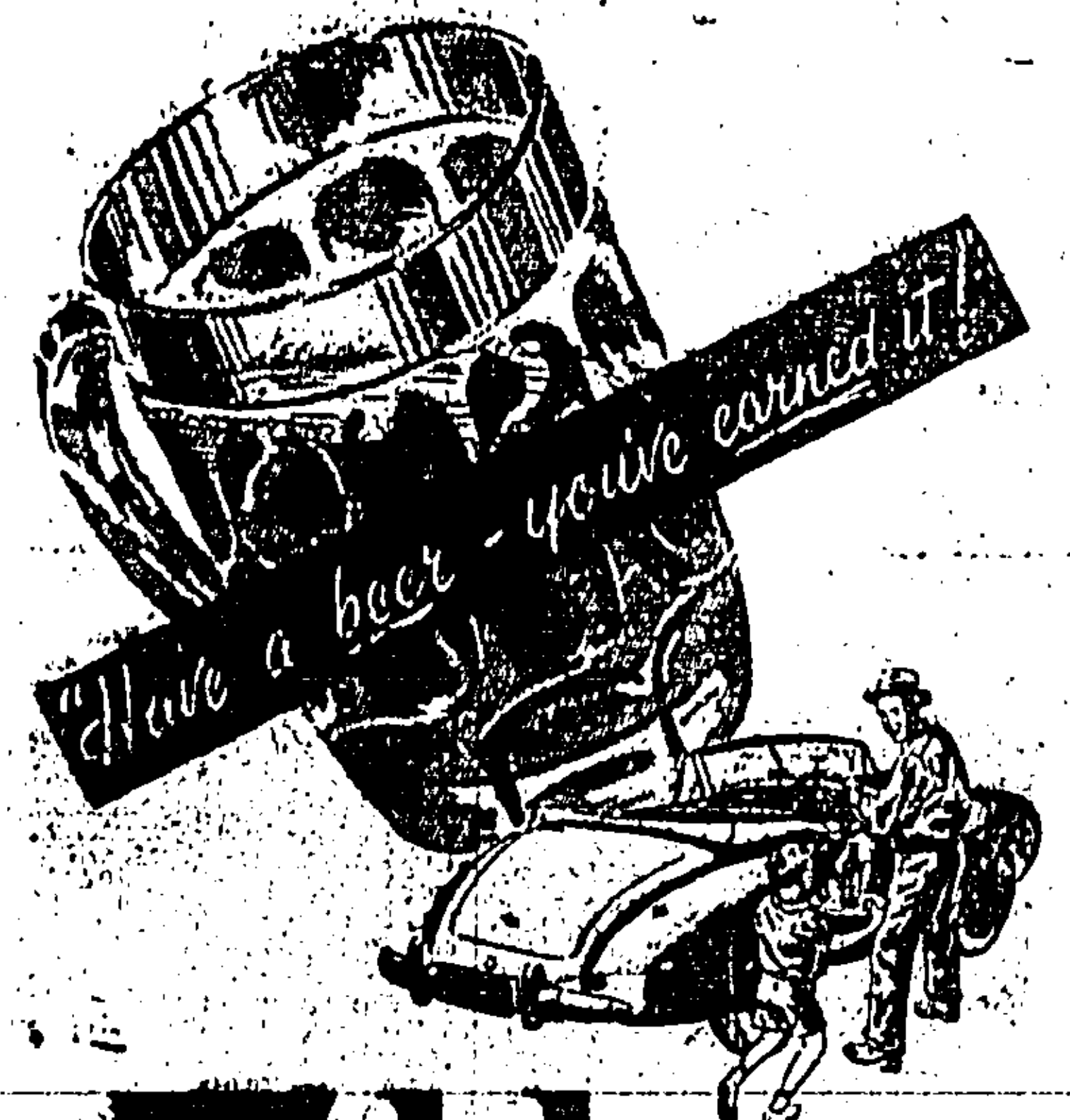
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## CHAMPIONS v REST CRICKET GAME NOT PLAYED

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